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NOBODY...
ON THIS PLANET
...BUT ME! I...I'M
THE **HEAD**
MAN...

- ★ **THE HEAD MAN!**
- ★ **PRELIMINARY HEARING!**
- ★ **PHANTOM SUBMARINE**
- ★ **NOTHING EVER HAPPENS
TO HALLORAN!**



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Nebraska Woman Makes Over \$500.00 Clear

I have made as much as \$15.00 in a day clear and only sell Wallace Brown cards in my spare time. One year I made over \$500.00 clear. Most ladies tell me they prefer shopping this way instead of going up town. Each year I have been with you I find my business increasing.

Mrs. Earl M. Johnson, Neb.

Clears Over \$150.00 Without Much Effort

Wallace Brown Cards sell themselves. They are of high quality and are very attractive in design. I cleared over \$150.00 one year . . . and I have already secured many orders without very much effort.

Mrs. Mary M. Thompson, Ga.

Sells \$20.00 Worth in One Evening

Wallace Brown has a wonderful line of cards. I have sold up to \$10.00 in one place, and in a few hours one evening, I sold \$20.00 worth. They all love Wallace Brown cards . . . everyone says they are very, very beautiful.

Mr. Henry C. White, N. Car.

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My son is going to college and of course needs help. When your cards came I felt that was my answer. I had never done anything like it in my life. Am I glad I did! All who see your line think they're wonderful. So I have no trouble getting orders. One morning I sold \$20.75 in two hours. Another day I made \$23.50 in just a few hours.

Mrs. Mildred Lyons, R.I.

Sells 8 to 10 Boxes at One Place

I'm glad I started selling Wallace Brown cards. I've sold 8 to 10 boxes at one place. This is my 5th year selling Wallace Brown.

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Organization Raises Over \$300.00

The Wallace Brown cards are the fastest-moving our Society has ever handled. We made more money one year (over \$300.00) just selling your line of products than we have ever made on any other project.

Mrs. Willis W. Butts, S. Car. Sec., Ladies' Missionary Soc.

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Make even more money with outstanding Special Value Name-Imprinted Personal Christmas Cards. Send coupon NOW for FREE Samples of these low-priced beauties that sell on sight. Also, you get sample assortment of 21-card "Feature" Christmas Assortment, on approval . . . plus FREE full-color Catalog of entire line. Everything you need to start making money at once—and we show you how. Send no money. Mail coupon TODAY.

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Paste Coupon on postcard or mail in envelope

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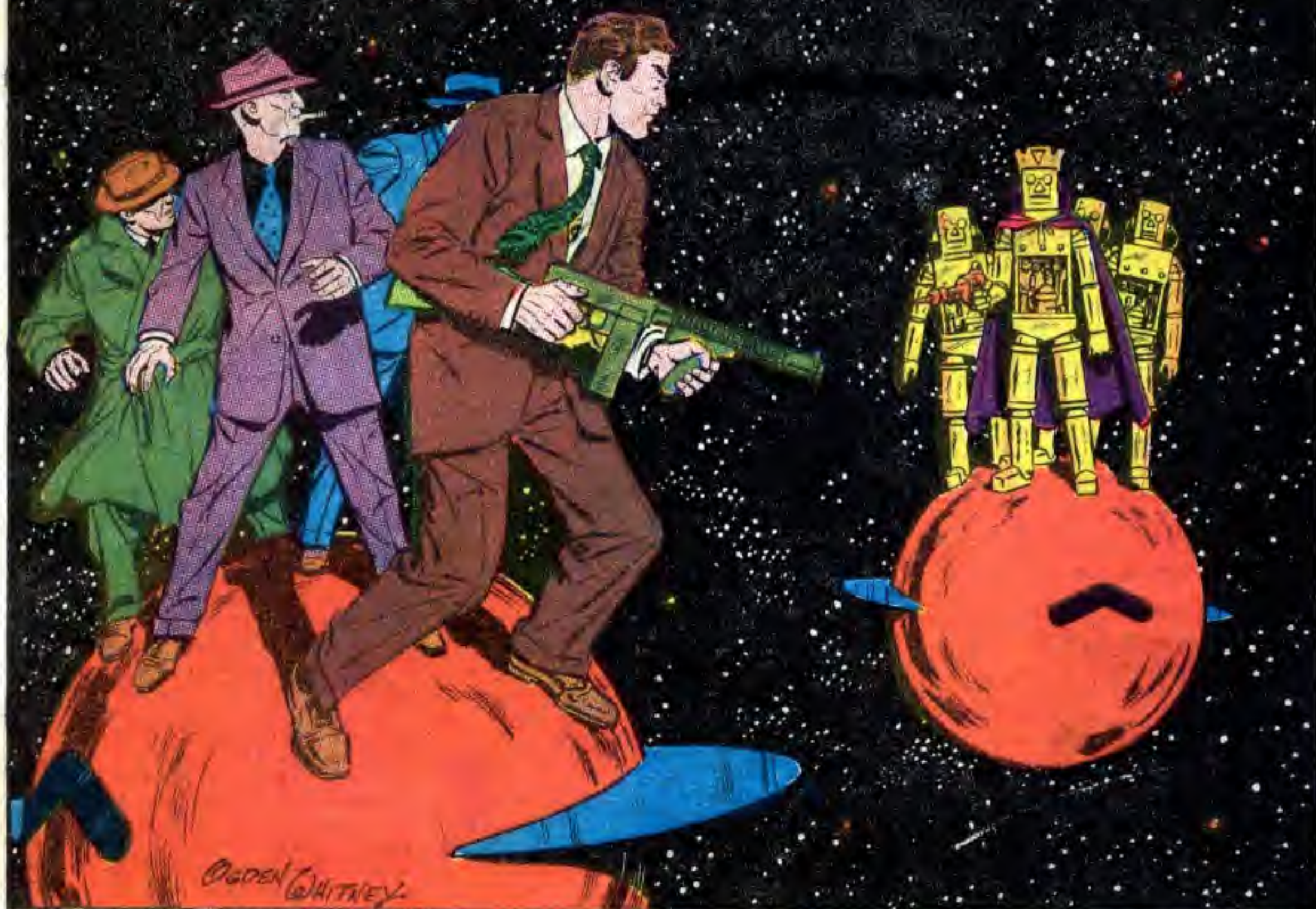
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ED WILSON WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR IT ALL...FOR THE ENTIRE INCREDIBLE CHAIN OF EVENTS THAT ALMOST LED TO THE DESTRUCTION OF **PLANET EARTH!** AND THE STORY OF HOW IT CAME ABOUT...WELL...FOR THE AMAZING FACTS, WE'RE SETTING DOWN HERE THE COMPLETE RECORD OF ED, WHO WANTED TO BE---

THE HEAD MAN!



The YEAR IS 2164...A ROCKET CUTS THROUGH SPACE ON AN EXPLORATION TOUR...



SAY, THAT PLANET ISN'T ON ANY OF OUR CHARTS! LET'S HEAD IN FOR A LANDING AND SEE WHAT GIVES!



THEY SAW STRANGE, ABANDONED BUILDINGS, FALLING INTO WRECKAGE...THE SIGNS OF A VANISHED CIVILIZATION...



AHEAD LAY THE REMNANTS OF A LARGE AND SPLENDID STRUCTURE... CLEARLY, THE PALACE OF SOME RULER! THEY ENTERED AND PENETRATED TO WHAT LOOKED LIKE A THRONE ROOM... AND THERE...

GREAT HEAVENS! THESE BODIES... THEY'RE NOT HUMAN BEINGS, BUT SOME STRANGE TYPE OF **ROBOTS!** THEY MUST HAVE BEEN RUSTING HERE FOR CENTURIES...

OVER THERE! L-LOOK!



THE OLD MAN HAD BEEN DEAD A LONG, LONG TIME... BUT HE'D BEEN PERFECTLY PRESERVED IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE STRANGE PLANET...

HE'S ONE OF **OUR** KIND... THE ONLY ONE, AMONG ALL THOSE WEIRD MACHINEMEN! HOW DID HE EVER GET UP HERE? WHAT COULD HIS STORY HAVE BEEN?

WE'LL NEVER KNOW!



BUT THERE **WAS** A STORY... AS BREATHTAKING AS YOU'VE EVER READ... AND THAT'S THE STORY WE'RE GOING TO BRING YOU! IT HAD ITS BEGINNING TWO CENTURIES BEFORE... BACK ON EARTH...

DON'T YOU SEE, FRANCIE... THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS SMALL TOWN TO HOLD ME! IF I STAY HERE AND WE MARRY, WE'LL BOTH BE POOR, STRUGGLING...

BUT ED, WE'LL HAVE OUR LOVE AND OUR LIFE TOGETHER! **MONEY** ISN'T EVERYTHING!



BUT ED WILSON'S MIND WAS MADE UP...

THERE'S NO USE TALKING... I'M GOING TO NEW YORK, WHERE I CAN REALLY **BE** SOMEBODY! WHATEVER I DO, I'M GOING TO GET TO BE **HEAD MAN**, AND THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU **EVERYTHING!**

ALL RIGHT, IF YOUR MIND'S MADE UP! I... I HAD THIS PICTURE OF MYSELF MADE, TO FIT IN THE BACK OF YOUR WATCH...



PROMISE YOU'LL WAIT FOR ME, FRANCIE DARLING!

I PROMISE, ED... OH, I PROMISE...

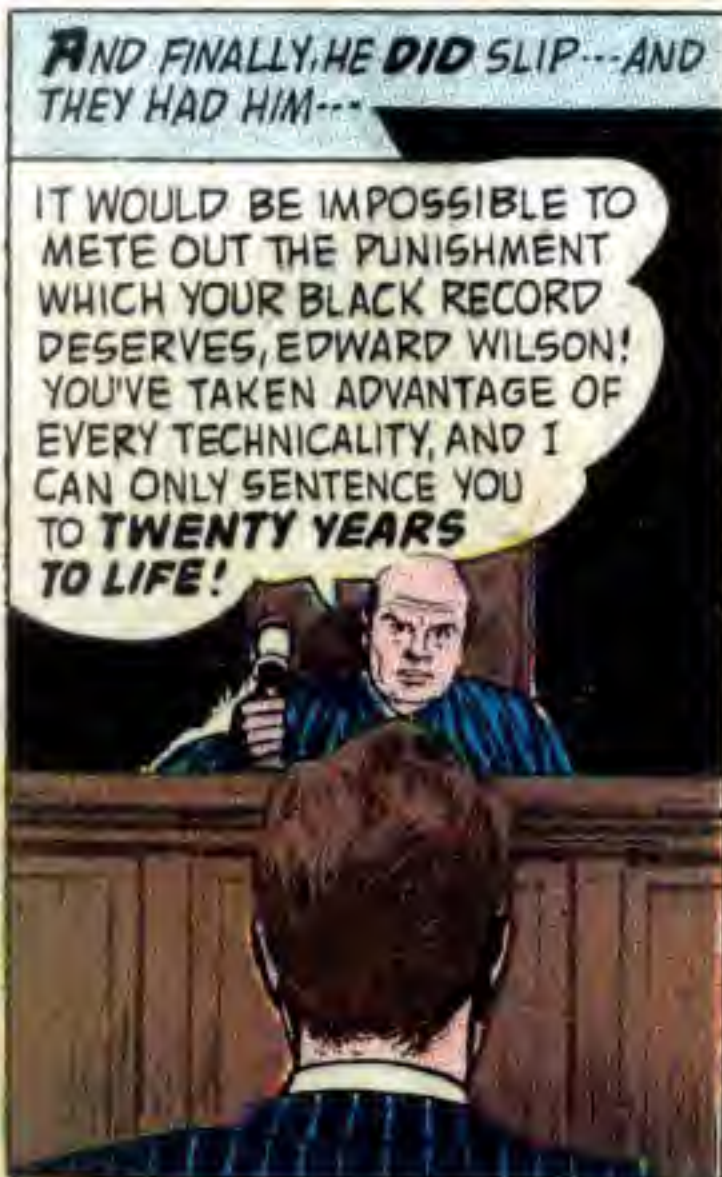


AND SO ED WENT TO NEW YORK! AT FIRST HE WASN'T SUCCESSFUL...

I'VE GOTTEN NOWHERE! I DON'T HAVE A CENT... AND I CAN'T GO BACK HOME A FAILURE!

RELAX, WILL YA? THERE ARE WAYS TO MAKE DOUGH... YOU JUST GOTTA KNOW THE **ANGLES**, SEE? NOW, I CAN INTRODUCE YOU TO A GUY... **BIG MIKE FARRONI**, THEY CALL HIM...





FRANCIE'S VISITS CEASED...SO DID HER LETTERS...BUT STILL, ED REMAINED STRONG! HE WOULDN'T LET IT GET HIM...NOT UNTIL HE HEARD, FROM A NEWLY-ARRIVED PRISONER...

THAT DAME YOU WERE ENGAGED TO, BOSS...I HATE TO TELL YOU, BUT SHE STABBED YOU IN THE BACK! SHE'S MARRIED...GOT A KID...

NO...
NO!



NOW ALL HOPE WAS GONE...AND ONLY BITTERNESS REMAINED...

I'M GOING TO GET OUT OF HERE...AND WHEN I DO...



PATIENTLY HE WAITED...AND FINALLY THE OPPORTUNITY CAME...



HE HAD A COUPLE OF PRECIOUS HOURS LEAD BEFORE HIS ABSENCE WAS DISCOVERED...BUT WHEN IT WAS...

CALLING ALL CARS!
BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR
ED WILSON, PUBLIC ENEMY
NO. 1, MISSING FROM THE
STATE PENITENTIARY!



MEANWHILE, ED HAD GONE, STRAIGHT AS A DIE, TO A CERTAIN ADDRESS...

I'M GLAD I FOUND OUT WHERE SHE WAS LIVING! HOW I'VE WAITED FOR THIS!



HER HUSBAND WAS WORKING LATE...THAT MADE IT EASIER...

I...I KNOW YOU HATE ME, ED...BUT YOU'VE GOT TO UNDERSTAND! I WAS LONELY, HEARTBROKEN, WITH YOU IN PRISON FOR WHAT MIGHT BE A LIFE TERM! AND THEN...I MET JOE! HE WAS GOOD AND KIND AND I

...I FELT IN LOVE WITH HIM...

YOU WERE PROMISED TO ME! YOU WERE ALL I HAD TO HOPE FOR, DREAM OF IN THAT CAGE...AND YOU DID THIS TO ME!



THEN, FROM AN ADJOINING ROOM...

DON'T YOU YELL AT MY MOMMY!

THAT'S...YOUR CHILD?

YES, THAT'S LINDA! PLEASE, WHATEVER YOU DO...DON'T HURT HER...





SHE LOOKS --- LIKE YOU!
MAYBE IF THINGS HAD BEEN
DIFFERENT, SHE --- SHE MIGHT
HAVE BEEN **MY** CHILD---



DADDY? MAYBE YOU
OUGHT TO COME HOME!
THERE'S A BAD MAN
HERE, AND MOMMY'S
SCARED! I HEARD
HIM SAY HE JUST
CAME FROM
JAIL---



MEANWHILE, ED WAS CONCENTRATING
ON SOMETHING ELSE---

LOOK AT THIS --- AND **LAUGH!**
IT'S ALL I HAD TO TURN TO IN
THOSE YEARS IN PRISON ---
YOUR PICTURE! I LOOKED
AT IT --- LOVED IT --- BUT ALL
THE TIME, YOU HAD YOUR
MIND ON SOMEONE
ELSE!



BUT THEN --- SUDDENLY ---

SIRENS! THEY
MUST HAVE PICKED
UP MY TRAIL --- I'VE
GOT TO GET **OUT**
OF HERE!



WAS THAT A TEAR IN FRANCIE'S EYE?
HE NEVER KNEW --- FOR OUTSIDE, THEY
SPOTTED HIM --- AND THE PURSUIT WAS
ON!

THERE HE
GOES! **AFTER**
HIM!



I --- I'VE
DODGED THREE
SQUAD CARS SO
FAR --- THEY
MUST HAVE
THE WHOLE
NEIGHBORHOOD
BLOCKED
OFF!



**NOW HE HAD REACHED A SPOT WITH A SHEER CLIFF ON
ONE SIDE OF THE ROAD AND A TALL WIRE FENCE ON THE
OTHER! FROM BOTH SIDES, HEADLIGHTS CONVERGED ON
HIM --- THERE WAS
ONLY ONE THING
TO DO ---**

DON'T KNOW WHAT'S
ON THE OTHER SIDE ---
BUT I'VE GOT TO
CHANCE IT!

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WIRE FENCE A STRANGE STRUCTURE ROSE STARKLY IN THE DARK NIGHT! STEEP STEPS LED UP TO AN ENTRANCE, AND ED TOOK THEM! HE HAD ONLY ONE THOUGHT... A HIDING-PLACE...

MAYBE...THEY WON'T FIND ME IN HERE...

DAWN...AND IN A LOW CONCRETE STRUCTURE NEARBY...

...5-4-3-
2-1...

...ZERO!

THERE SHE GOES!

KER-POW!

WHAT...

HE LOOKED DOWN AND SAW THE WORLD DROPPING AWAY! AND IN A FLASH OF HORROR, HE REALIZED...

HEAVEN HELP ME, I PICKED A **ROCKET** TO HIDE IN!

SO NOW ED WILSON WAS A PRISONER ONCE AGAIN...WITH NOWHERE TO ESCAPE TO! BUT TO HIS SURPRISE, HE FOUND THE ROCKET WELL STOCKED WITH FOOD AND WATER... THERE WAS EVEN AN OXYGEN GENERATOR...

THEY MUST HAVE WANTED TO SIMULATE THE CONDITIONS OF AN ACTUAL TRIP, WITH EVERYTHING BEING REGISTERED ON THE GAUGES! I'LL GET ALONG FOR AWHILE ANYWAY... **BUT THEN...**

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THEN BEGAN THE LONG, TIMELESS ORDEAL! DAY FOLLOWED MONOTONOUS DAY AS THE STREAKING CRAFT SPED THROUGH THE ENDLESS REACHES OF SPACE---



I'VE...LOST COUNT OF THE DAYS! IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME ---IT'S ALWAYS GOING TO **BE** THE SAME---FROM NOW---TILL THE END---



AND NOW ED, THE TOUGH GUY WHO'D FOUGHT OFF STIR CRAZINESS IN PRISON---THE GUY WHO COULDN'T BE BROKEN---YIELDED AT LAST TO THE SHOCK OF BEING A PRISONER OF **SPACE!**

LET ME OUT OF HERE! I'VE GOTTA GET OUT, DO YOU HEAR ME? I CAN'T---STAND IT---



ON AND ON, WITH NO LIFE ANYWHERE---OR WAS THERE? ON A DARK, LONE PLANET NEARBY---



STRAIGHT AS AN ARROW SPED THE STRANGE FLOTILLA, EASILY OVERHAULING THE ROCKET! THE HUGE MAGNET GRIPPED---



HEY, WHAT IS THIS, ANYWAY?

SOMETHING'S GRABBED THE ROCKET---I'M BEING **TAKEN** SOMEWHERE! AND THOSE GLOBES---THEY MUST BE SORT OF AN ESCORT---





THE ROCKET'S STOPPED...THEY'RE OPENING IT! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE WHAT KIND OF CREATURES THEY ARE...THEY MUST BE INTELLIGENT AND HIGHLY CIVILIZED, JUDGING FROM THE SPACE CRAFT THEY'VE BUILT! I HOPE THEY'RE FLESH AND BLOOD CREATURES LIKE ME...THEY...THEY'VE **GOT** TO BE---



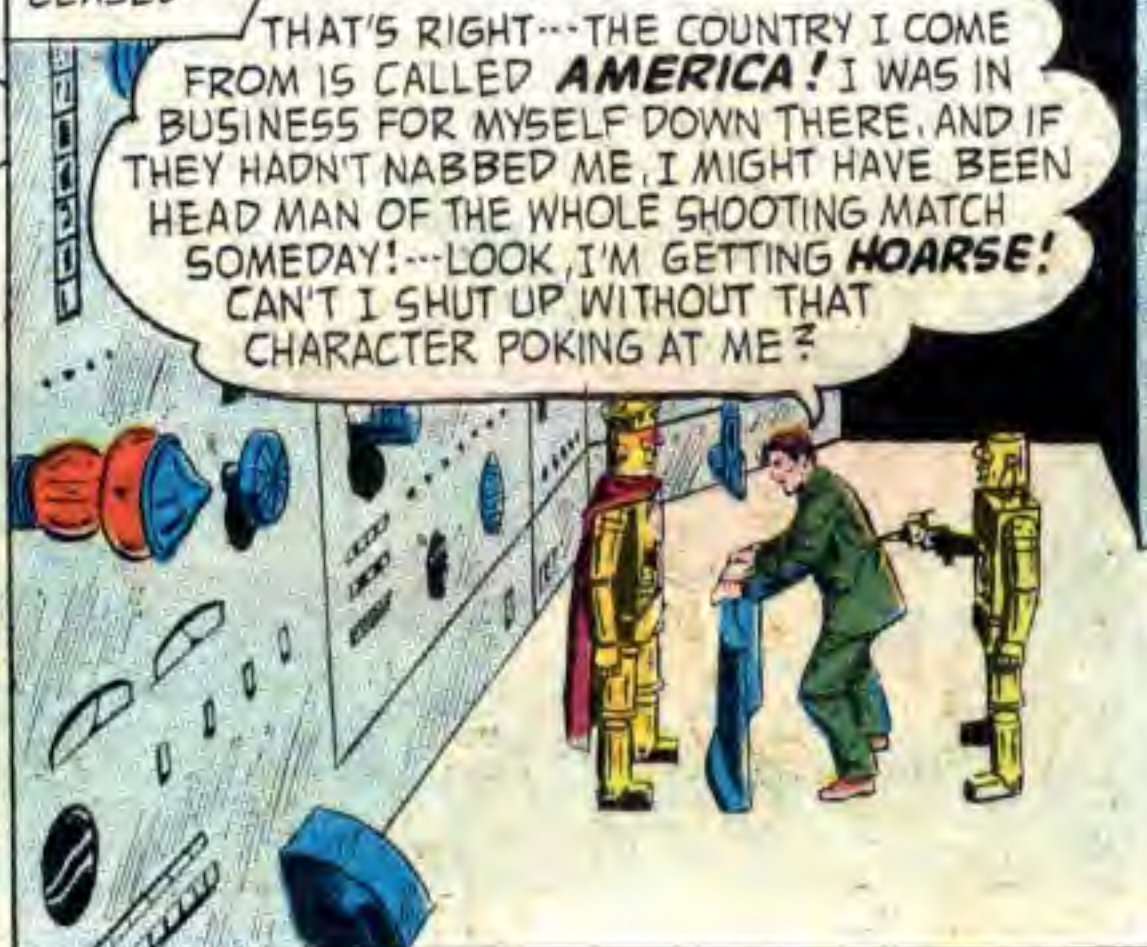
HOLY---SMOKE!
THEY---THEY'RE NOT **PEOPLE!** THEY'RE **MACHINES... ROBOTS!**

NERVOUSLY, HE SPOKE...BUT THEY DIDN'T ANSWER---



GOOD GOSH, I---I NEVER DREAMED THINGS LIKE YOU COULD **EXIST!** WHO **ARE** YOU? WHAT IS THIS PLANET?---WELL, WHY DON'T YOU **SAY** SOMETHING? **ANYTHING,** JUST TALK---EVEN IF I **DON'T** UNDERSTAND YOU!

SILENCE! THEN THEY GRASPED HIM, PLACED HIM BEFORE A LARGE, STRANGE MACHINE! THEY SEEMED TO WANT HIM TO KEEP ON TALKING---PRODDING HIM WHENEVER HE CEASED---



THAT'S RIGHT...THE COUNTRY I COME FROM IS CALLED **AMERICA!** I WAS IN BUSINESS FOR MYSELF DOWN THERE, AND IF THEY HADN'T NABBED ME, I MIGHT HAVE BEEN HEAD MAN OF THE WHOLE SHOOTING MATCH SOMEDAY!---LOOK, I'M GETTING **HOARSE!** CAN'T I SHUT UP WITHOUT THAT CHARACTER POKING AT ME?

HE TALKED UNTIL HE WAS EXHAUSTED---TALKED ABOUT ANYTHING, EVERYTHING! AND FINALLY, THEY TURNED TO THE MACHINE, MANIPULATED ITS CONTROLS AND---



FUNNY...THEY LET ME SHUT UP, AND NOW THEY'RE TAKING THAT **TAPE** OUT OF THE MACHINE!



NOW HE'S FEEDING IT INTO HIS **OWN** MACHINERY! I---I DON'T **GET** IT!

SUDDENLY CAME A GRATING, METALLIC VOICE... SPEAKING IN *ENGLISH*!

THE LARGE MACHINE... THAT YOU SPOKE IN FRONT OF... HAS DIGESTED YOUR LANGUAGE, AUTOMATICALLY COMPUTED... ITS ROOTS AND MEANINGS... AND TRANSMITTED ITS FINDINGS ONTO A TAPE... WHICH I HAVE PLACED... WITHIN MY OWN SCANNING DEVICE! NOW I CAN SPEAK... AND UNDERSTAND... YOUR LANGUAGE!

GOOD!
NOW MAYBE YOU CAN TELL ME WHY I WAS BROUGHT HERE!

FIRST LET ME TELL YOU... ABOUT OURSELVES... THE **MACHINE PEOPLE** OF THE PLANET **MORELIUS**! WE TOO... WERE FLESH AND BLOOD ONCE... BUT TOO WEAK TO WITHSTAND THE ARMIES OF OTHER PLANETS! TO AVOID BEING WIPE OUT... OUR SCIENTISTS MASTERED THE ABILITY... TO BUILD THE LIFE PRINCIPLE INTO **MACHINES**! WE COULD BUILD... HUGE ARMIES... ON THE **PRODUCTION LINE**!

THEN **WE** WERE ABLE... TO TAKE THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST OTHER PLANETS... THROUGH OUR NEW STRENGTH... AND OUR GREAT WAR DISCOVERY, **UNIVERSAL MILITARY GAS**! BUT NOW OUR ATMOSPHERE HAS BEEN CHANGING... SO THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO MANUFACTURE IT ANY LONGER ON **MORELIUS**! WE NEED... ANOTHER PLANET... A **GREEN PLANET**...

I CATCH, MAC! SOMEHOW, WITH ALL YOUR SUPER-SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS UP HERE, YOU KNOW THAT I'VE COME FROM **PLANET EARTH**, WHICH IS JUST WHAT YOU NEED! AND YOU HAD ME BROUGHT IN FOR THE **INFORMATION** I COULD GIVE YOU, CHECK?

YOU LAUGH... BUT MAYBE YOU WON'T... WHEN I TELL YOU THE MASTER PLAN! WE'RE GOING TO... TAKE OVER YOUR PLANET... AND YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR US... BY TELLING US EVERYTHING YOU KNOW... ABOUT ITS DEFENSES AND WEAK SPOTS! YOU'LL TALK... BECAUSE IT'LL BE PLEASANTER FOR YOU! AND YOU'LL TELL THE **TRUTH**, TOO... BECAUSE OUR SCIENTIFIC DEVICES... CAN DETECT LIES!

THAT'S RICH... YOUR THREATENING **ME** FOR INFORMATION THAT'LL HELP YOU TAKE OVER THE EARTH! MISTER, YOU DON'T KNOW IT, BUT I'M ON **YOUR** SIDE! TO THE EARTH, I'M **PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1**, AND THAT'S HOW THEY TREATED ME! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO GET **EVEN**! BROTHER, WILL I EVER HELP YOU... **WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?**

The WAR COUNCIL MET... WITH ED AN HONORED MEMBER...

PRACTICALLY EVERY COUNTRY HAS ITS MILITARY ORGANIZATION... ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE! PRINCIPAL RELIANCE IS STILL ON FIREPOWER, USING REGULATION EXPLOSIVES! ATOMIC AND HELIUM BOMBS CAN BE USED ONLY IN MODERATION, BECAUSE OF RADIATION DANGER!

AMAZINGLY, THEY HAD MAPS OF THE EARTH, MADE POSSIBLE BY THEIR LONG-RANGE INTERPLANETARY PHOTOGRAPHY...

IN OUR FAVOR IS THE FACT THAT THE EARTH IS COMPLETELY UNSUSPECTING! BEFORE THEY CAN INTERPRET THEIR RADAR, WE SWOOP DOWN IN A SURPRISE BLOW! WE HIT **WASHINGTON, LONDON, MOSCOW** AND **PARIS** IN THE FIRST WAVE, DISRUPTING THE GOVERNMENTS...



ALWAYS, HE'D HAD THE GIFT OF ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING... AND NOW IT CAME TO THE FORE...

THEN WE FOLLOW UP IN A SECONDARY ATTACK ON THE LARGE POPULATION CENTERS... NEW YORK AND THE LIKE! THE THIRD WAVE WILL KNOCK OUT AIRFIELDS AND PRODUCTION CENTERS!



THEN IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TAKING OVER! YOU'LL NEED SOMEBODY WHO **KNOWS** PEOPLE TO TAKE OVER AND ORGANIZE THE EARTH FOR YOUR USE AFTER THE CONQUEST IS OVER... SO I'M SUGGESTING **MYSELF AS HEAD MAN!**

WHY NOT? OF COURSE, THERE MIGHT NOT BE TOO MUCH TO ORGANIZE! WE **MORELIANS** BELIEVE IN MAKING OUR CONQUESTS **COMPLETE!**



YES, ED WAS OVERJOYED AT THE CHANCE TO GET EVEN WITH THE WORLD THAT HAD CALLED HIM AN ENEMY AND LOCKED HIM AWAY... SO OVERJOYED THAT HE DIDN'T STOP TO CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES! ALREADY HE WAS A BIG SHOT ON THIS ALIEN PLANET... ITS INHABITANTS SCURRED JUST FOR THE SIGHT OF HIM...

YESSIR, THEY KNOW A **V.I.P.** WHEN THEY SEE ONE!



THERE WAS NO PLACE IN ALL THE CAPITAL CITY BARRED TO HIM... **EXCEPT ONE!** THAT WAS A LOCKED, ARMORED DOOR, OPENING OFF THE THRONE ROOM! AND WHEN HE ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT IT...

I DON'T REMEMBER EVER SEEING THIS DOOR OPEN! WHAT'S IN THERE, ANYWAY?

I CANNOT ANSWER... YOUR QUESTION! THAT... MUST REMAIN... A STATE SECRET!



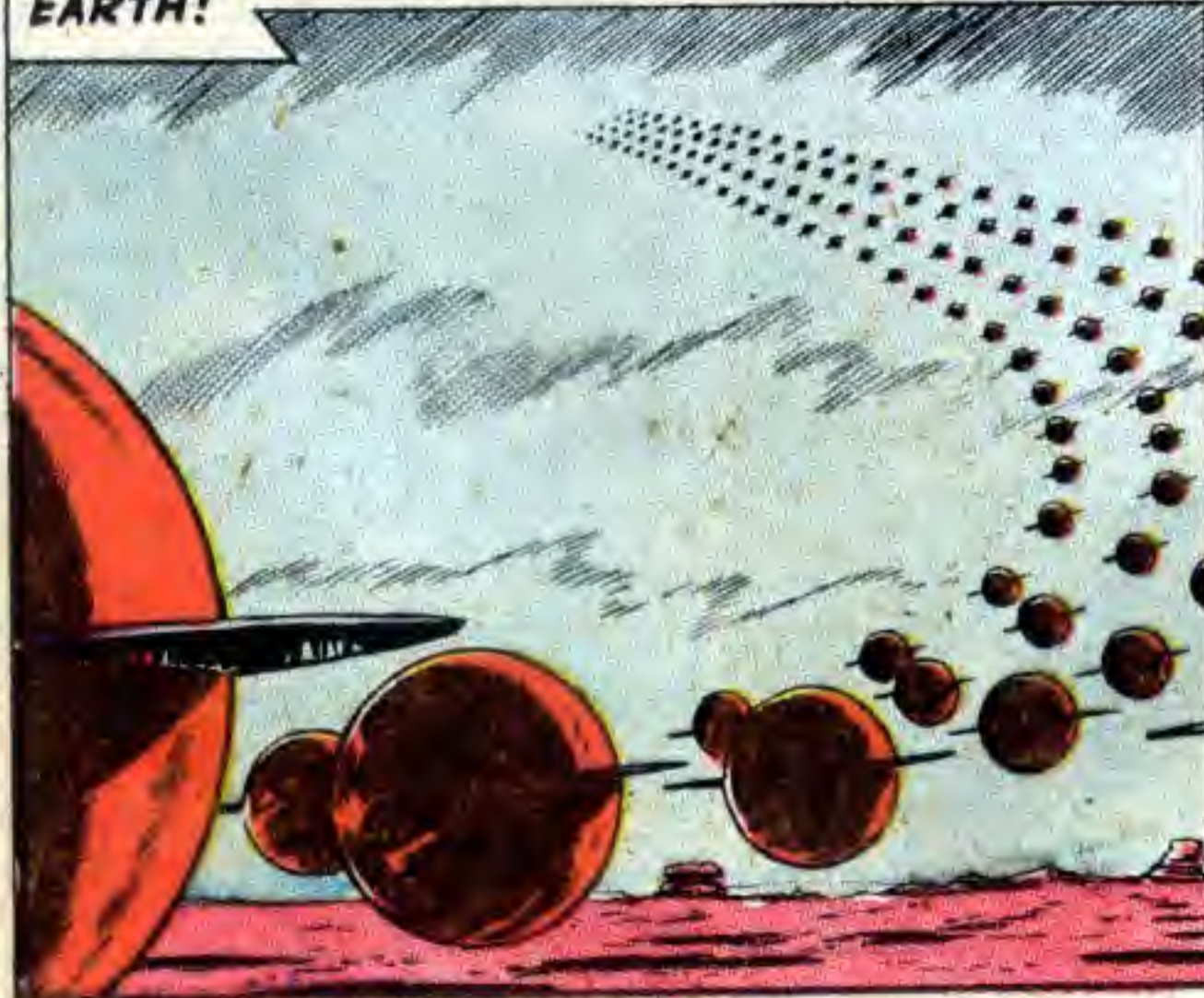
HE SHRUGGED THE MATTER OFF, FOR HE WAS TOO BUSY FOR IDLE SPECULATION! FOR THE MACHINE MEN WERE MAKING FULL USE OF HIS FAMOUS QUALITY OF ORGANIZATION...

WE'LL HAVE THEM TAKE OFF IN WAVES OF 500! I WISH THERE'D BEEN TIME FOR INVASION MANEUVERS BEFORE THEY GO, THOUGH!

IT IS... OF NO IMPORTANCE! THEY WILL HAVE... PLENTY OF TIME TO REHEARSE ATTACK PROCEDURES... ON THE WAY! BY THE TIME... THEY COME IN FOR THE GRAND ASSAULT... THEY'LL BE COMPLETELY REHEARSED AND TRAINED!



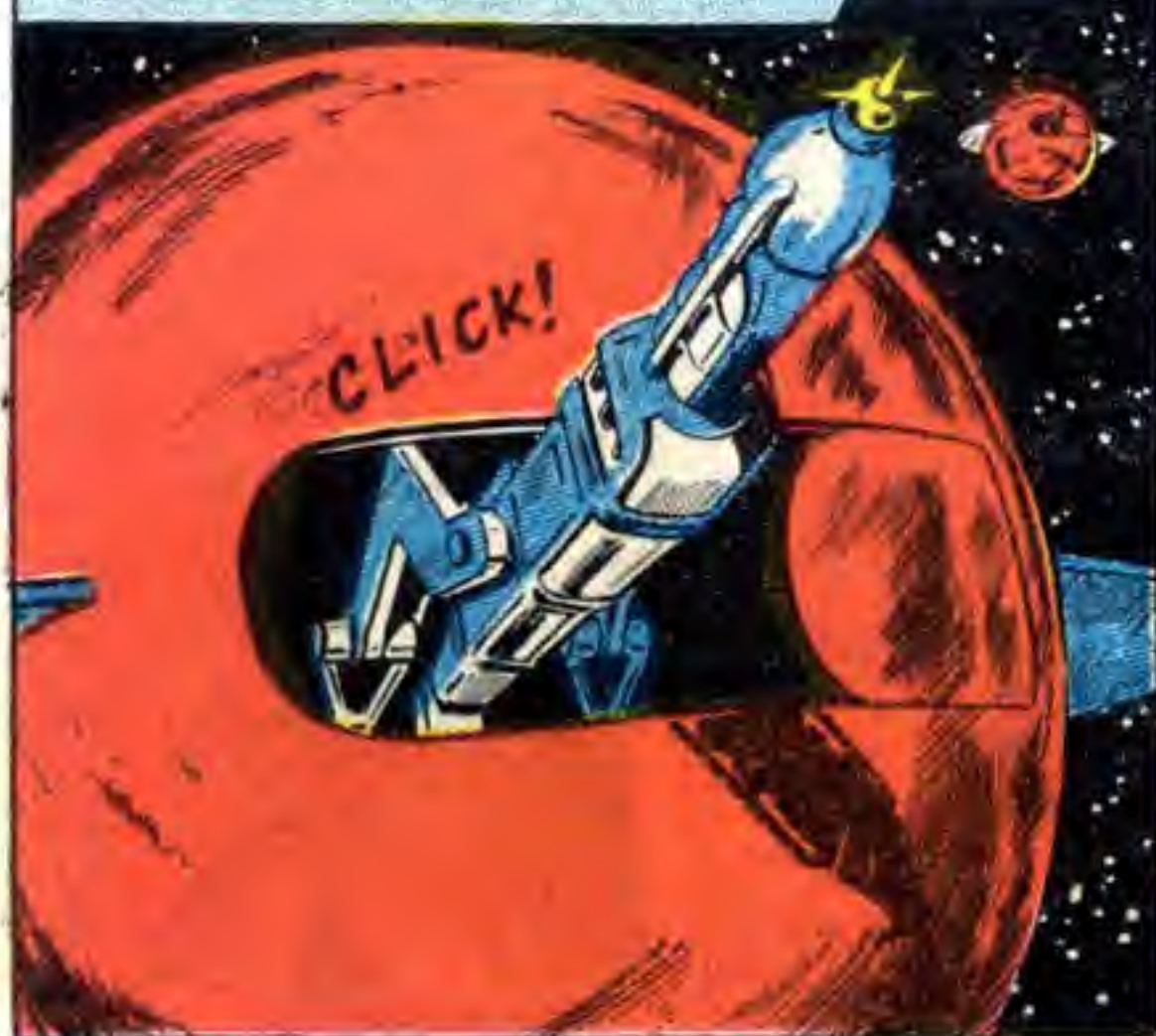
AND FINALLY... TAKEOFF! DESTINATION: THE DOOMED EARTH!



SO LONG, GUYS! GO TO IT... AND TELL 'EM THAT WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED, THE **HEAD MAN** WILL BE ALONG TO TAKE OVER! THAT'S ME!



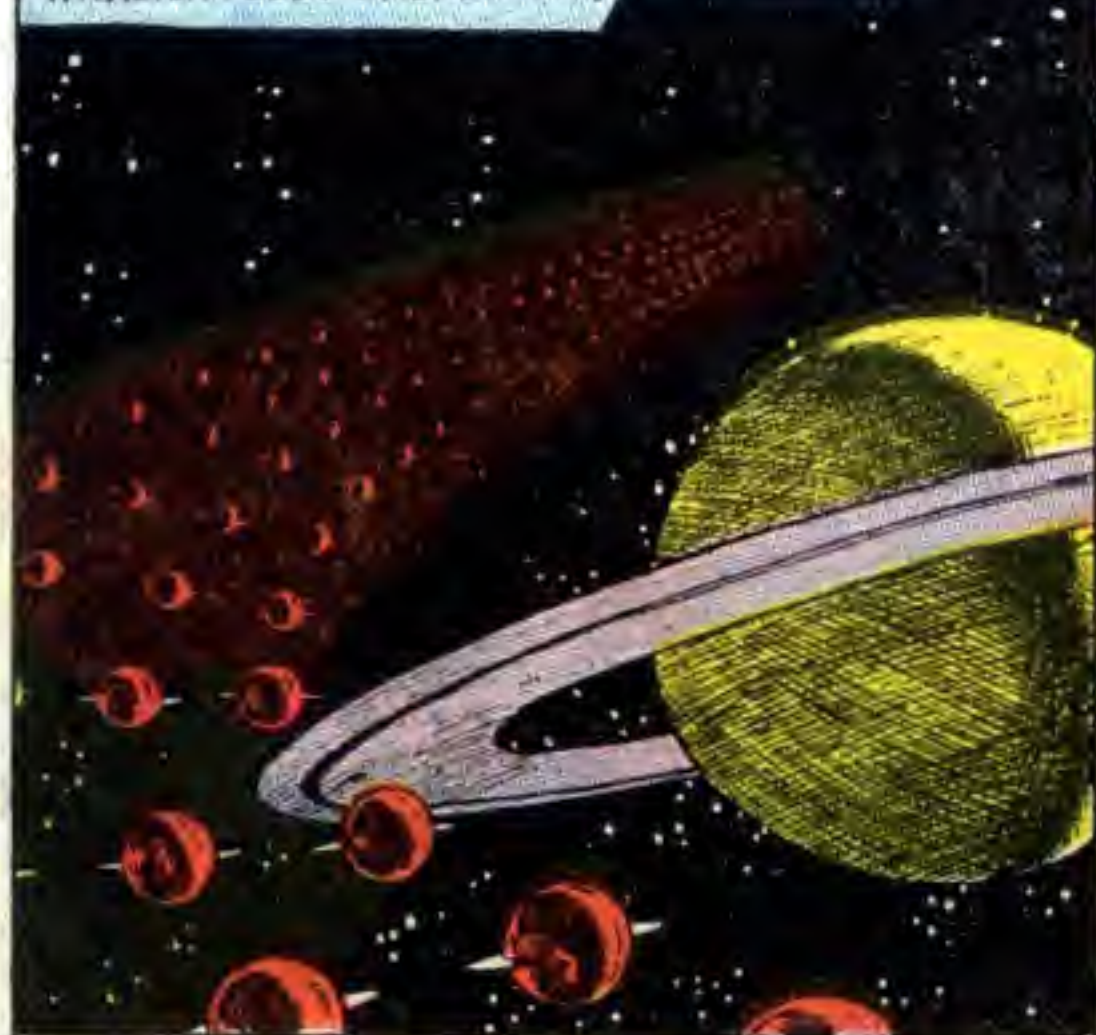
THERE WAS OPPORTUNITY APLENTY TO PRACTICE THE GRIM BUSINESS WHICH LAY AHEAD---



ASTEROIDS AND COMETS WERE BLASTED---



FINALLY THEY WERE RAZOR SHARP---AND THE INVASION FLEET DRONED ON!



MEANWHILE, DOWN ON EARTH, THINGS CONTINUED ON THEIR ACCUSTOMED COURSE! THE DAYS WERE TYPICAL EARTH DAYS, EACH LIKE THE ONE BEFORE---



A FEW ASTRONOMERS WERE DISQUIETED, BUT SHRUGGED THEIR SHOULDERS AND FORGOT ABOUT IT---

FUNNY---I COULD SWEAR I SAW A COMET DISAPPEAR IN A FIERY EXPLOSION---AS IF SOMETHING HAD BLASTED IT OUT OF THE SKY!

FORGET IT, WILL YOU? YOU'RE DREAMING!



AND ON THE DISTANT PLANET MORELIUS, THEY FOLLOWED THE COURSE OF THE INVASION FLEET THROUGH ASTRAL TELEVISION---

EVERYTHING---PROCEEDS ON SCHEDULE! WITHIN TWO DAYS---THEY WILL REACH THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE---AND MAKE THEIR---
SURPRISE STRIKE!



NOTHING--- CAN SAVE THE EARTH ---NOW!

GREAT! I'M COUNTING THE HOURS!



ACCIDENTALLY, THE WATCH DROPPED FROM HIS HAND! AS IT HIT THE FLOOR, THE BACK FLEW OPEN---AND FROM IT THERE FELL---



THE PICTURE THAT FRANCIE HAD GIVEN HIM SO LONG AGO! AS HE PICKED IT UP, MEMORIES DRIFTED BACK FROM OUT OF THE PAST---



PROMISE YOU'LL WAIT FOR ME, FRANCIE, DARLING!

YOU'VE GOT TO UNDERSTAND! I WAS LONELY, HEARTBROKEN---

OUR ASSAULT ---WILL BE COMPLETE, OVERWHELMING! IT WILL---ACCOUNT FOR MEN, WOMEN ---CHILDREN---

THE... CHILDREN?



NOW ANOTHER MEMORY CAME TO HIM---THE CHILD THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN HIS CHILD---



AND ALL OF A SUDDEN---HE KNEW HE COULDN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT!

NO---NO! THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN---YOU'VE GOT TO SPARE THEM!

ARE YOU---MAD? ---THIS IS---INVASION---AND NOTHING---MUST STAND IN ITS WAY!



THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S GONNA STAND IN ITS WAY---ME!



YOU---YOU'VE GOT TO RECALL THAT FLEET, OR---

DON'T---THREATEN ME! A CREATURE---OF FLESH AND BLOOD---CAN'T HURT---A MACHINE---



MAYBE IT DIDN'T FEAR HIS FISTS... BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING IT **DID** FEAR!

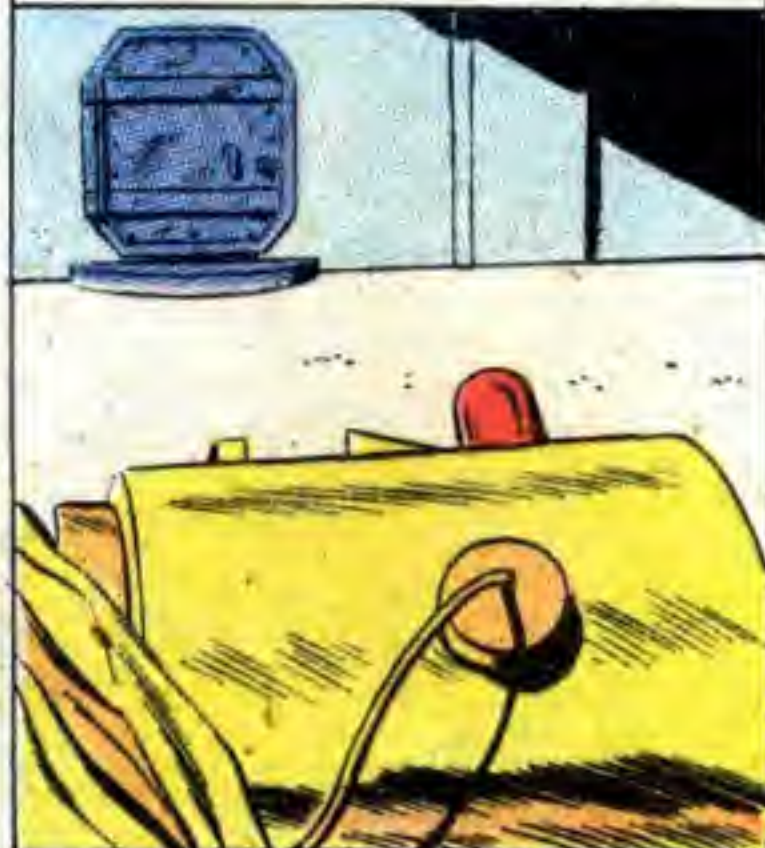
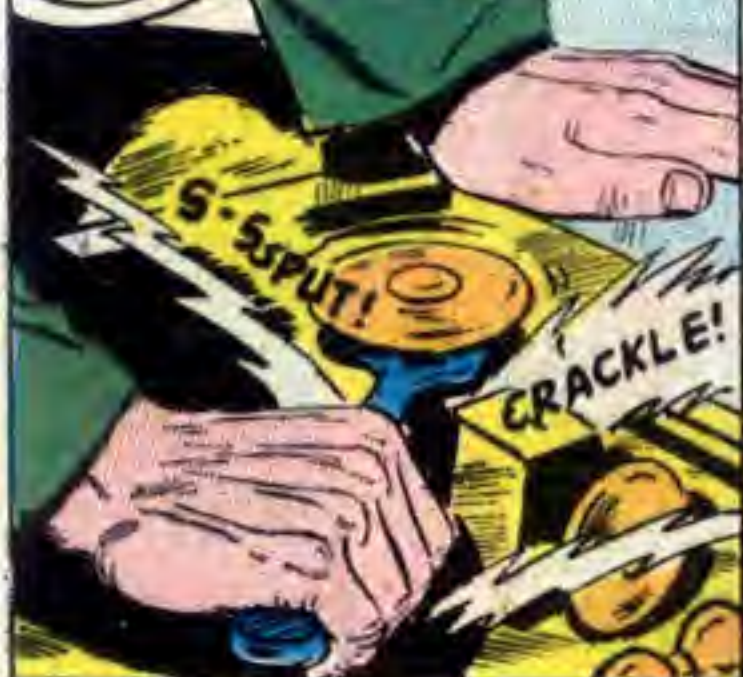
THIS WRENCH WILL FIX YOU, IF YOU DON'T CALL OFF THAT ATTACK!

I WON'T... NO MATTER... **WHAT YOU DO!**

IN THIS MOMENT OF DESPERATION, A SUDDEN THOUGHT CAME TO ED...

HEY, WAIT... ALL OF YOU ARE **MACHINES**, AND MACHINES NEED SOMETHING TO RUN ON! **WHAT DOES IT FOR YOU? WHAT'S THE MOTIVE POWER THAT KEEPS YOU GOING?**

THE ROBOT LEADER REFUSED TO TALK! BUT ALMOST AUTOMATICALLY, ITS HEAD SWIVELED ABOUT AS IT DARTED A QUICK GLANCE TOWARDS THE LOCKED, ARMORED DOOR WHICH OPENED OFF THE THRONE ROOM...



NOW ED HAD HIS TIPOFF! ON TOP OF THE LEADER'S DESK LAY A SUPER-POWER RAY GUN OF MIGHTY STRENGTH, AND HE USED IT TO GOOD ADVANTAGE!



HE JUST HAD TIME TO SEE A HUGE, WEIRD MACHINE WITHIN... AN INTRICATE COMBINATION OF DIALS AND BUBBLING TUBES! FOR ROBOT REINFORCEMENTS, ATTRACTED BY THE NOISE, WERE ARRIVING...

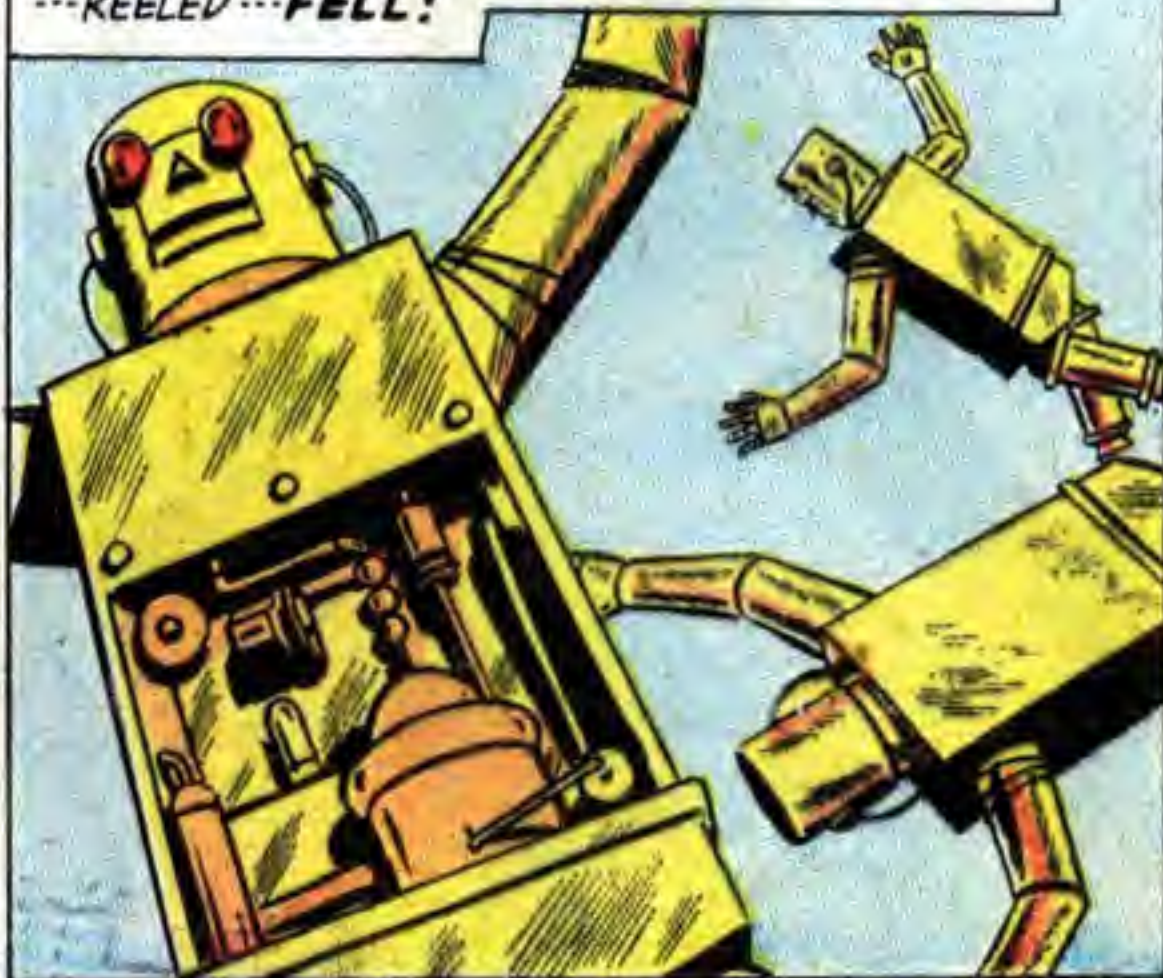
I'M NOT LETTING YOU WALKING DYNAMOS STOP ME **NOW!**



YOU GUYS LOVE MACHINERY... OKAY, **HELP YOURSELF!**



AS THE HUGE MACHINE BURST ASUNDER, SOMETHING **STRANGE** TOOK PLACE! THE ROBOTS RACING TO THE SCENE SUDDENLY PAUSED IN MIDSTRIDE... WAVERED... REELED... **FELL!**



AND INSIDE THE SPEEDING SPHERES OF THE EARTHWARD-BOUND INVASION FLEET---



AS LIFELESS ROBOT HANDS SLIPPED FROM THE CONTROLS---



PILOTLESS...THE SPACE MARAUDERS MET THEIR FATE!



AND DOWN ON EARTH, THE PEACEFUL, EVERYDAY PURSUITS CONTINUED! KIDS GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL...JOE DOAKES RAN UP HIS BIGGEST BOWLING SCORE...THEY STILL GATHERED TO WATCH THE 5:16 COME IN---



AS FOR FRANCIE AND HER LITTLE DAUGHTER LINDA, THEY HAD LIFE... A HAPPY LIFE...A LIFE IN WHICH TO BE **SAFE**---



THE YEARS PASSED...LINDA WAS NOW A LOVELY, POPULAR TEEN-AGER! SHE STILL TOLD ONE STORY WHICH NEVER FAILED TO FASCINATE HER FRIENDS---

YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU REALLY SAW **PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1**...AND MADE THE PHONE CALL THAT PUT THE COPS ON HIS TRAIL? GOSH...WHATEVER HAPPENED TO HIM, ANYWAY?

NOBODY KNOWS... HE JUST PLAIN **DIS-APPEARED!** GUESS HE MUST BE LONG SINCE DEAD...THEY'D HAVE FOUND HIM IF HE WERE ALIVE ANYWHERE ON EARTH!



BUT ED WILSON **WASN'T** ANYWHERE ON EARTH! LET'S GO UP...UP BEYOND THE MOON, THE STARS, THE SUN! UP TO A DESOLATE AND LONELY PLANET, FROM WHICH ALL LIFE HAD FLED...ALL BUT **ONE**...

I...HOPE THEY'RE WELL AND HAPPY DOWN THERE! AS FOR **ME**, I DON'T NEED ANYBODY! I...I'M **HEAD MAN** UP HERE---



We'll Send YOU a Money-Making "Shoe Store" Business FREE!

**Just 8 easy orders a day
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FREE BUSINESS OUTFIT!**

Mr. Ned Mason, Vice President
Mason Shoe Mfg. Co., Dept. A98
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

Yes, I'd like up to \$960 a month for just 8 orders a day...and MORE! Please start me in an exciting "Shoe Store" business by rushing my Complete Shoe Business Outfit FREE, and postpaid so I can begin making money my first hour!

Name.....

Address.....

Town.....State.....

HERE it is -- strange -- disturbing -- the tale of that amazing **PRELIMINARY HEARING!**



MY NAME'S
DR. GLENN ORMSBY,
PSYCHIATRIST
--AND
HELENE VERRAL
WAS A
PATIENT
OF MINE!
SHE'D
COME
TO ME
BECAUSE
SHE
WAS
SLEEP-
WALKING--

CAN YOU ACCOUNT
FOR YOUR SLEEP-
WALKING? IS
THERE SOMETHING
THAT YOU'VE BEEN
WORRYING
ABOUT?

YES! MY BROTHER
HAL AND MYSELF
LIVE WITH OUR
UNCLE MARTIN, WHO'S
BROUGHT US UP!
HAL'S FALLEN INTO
BAD HABITS, DRINKING
AND GAMBLING -- AND
HE AND MY UNCLE
FIGHT TERRIBLY!

YES,
THAT'S
THE
WAY
IT WAS
--AND
AS THE
WEEKS
PASSED,
HER
WORRIES
GREW,
BECAUSE
THE
QUARRELS
GREW--

WHAT DO YOU MEAN,
YOU NEED MORE
MONEY? WHY?

OKAY, GO AHEAD AND
PREACH, IF YOU WANT--
I'VE BEEN GAMBLING
AGAIN, AND I'VE LOST!
YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME
OUT -- THEY'RE PUTTING
THE PRESSURE ON!



YOU'RE NOT GETTING
ANOTHER CENT
OUT OF
ME!

YOU -- YOU **MISER!**
I'LL GET EVEN -- I SWEAR
I WILL!

OH, STOP IT
-- PLEASE
STOP IT!

YOU
KNOW
WHAT
HAPPENED
LATER THAT
NIGHT--
THE
NEWS-
PAPERS
WERE
FULL OF
IT! THE
TRAGEDY
WASN'T
DIS-
COVERED
UNTIL
THE
MORNING...

HE DIED OF
A FRACTURED
SKULL! MUST
HAVE BEEN
HIT WITH
SOMETHING
PLENTY
HARD!

HAD HE QUARRELED
WITH ANYBODY, TO
YOUR KNOWLEDGE?

I -- I DON'T LIKE
TO SAY IT -- BUT
YOUNG MR. HAL--



AT THE TRIAL, THINGS LOOKED DARKER AND DARKER FOR HAL VERRAL --

EVERYBODY KNOWS THE DEFENDANT'S UNGOVERNABLE TEMPER! HE WAS DESPERATE WHEN HIS UNCLE REFUSED HIM HELP -- AND HE SWORE REVENGE --

OH, HE'S GUILTY, GUILTY--THERE ISN'T ANY DOUBT ABOUT IT!

HELENE WAS IN A BAD STATE OF MIND -- SHE WAS UNDER MY CONSTANT CARE! AND NOW HER CASE TOOK A STRANGE TURN --

I HAD A DREAM LAST NIGHT--A DREAM SO VIVID AND AMAZING THAT IT FRIGHTENED ME! HELP ME, DR. ORMSBY -- I CAN'T SEEM TO SHAKE IT OFF--

TELL ME ABOUT IT-- EVERY DETAIL!

"MY SLEEP WAS RESTLESS-- I TOSSED AND TURNED! AND THEN I DREAMED THAT I WAS AWAKENED -- BY UNCLE MARTIN! I WAS AMAZED --"

NO--NO! IT CAN'T BE-- YOU'RE DEAD--

NOW, NOW -- STOP MAKING SUCH A FUSS, HONEY! YOU'VE GOT TO COME WITH ME -- PLEASE!



"I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED THEN -- ALL I CAN REMEMBER IS THAT I WAS WEARING MY RED DRESS, AND WE SEEMED TO BE SOARING UPWARD ON A CLOUD--"

WHERE--WHERE ARE WE GOING?

TO THE PRELIMINARY HEARING!



"SUDDENLY--MAGICALLY-- WE WERE THERE! THAT HOLLOW SOUND -- IT WAS THE BANGING OF A GAVEL --"

HEAR YE, HEAR YE! THE COURT OF THE UNKNOWN IS NOW IN SESSION! THIS IS A PRELIMINARY HEARING, DEALING WITH THE APPLICATION OF ONE MARTIN VERRAL FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE BEYOND! ALL CONCERNED DRAW NEAR -- HEARING WILL NOW COMMENCE!



I OFFER IN EVIDENCE AGAINST THE PETITIONER PROOF THAT DURING HIS STAY ON EARTH, HE WAS QUICK-TEMPERED -- SOMETIMES STINGY --

IF IT PLEASE YOUR HONOR, I WISH TO INTRODUCE JUST ONE WITNESS IN MY BEHALF -- MY NIECE HELENE!

HELENE VERRAL, YOU MAY TAKE THE STAND!

I -- I'VE KNOWN MY UNCLE MARTIN ALL MY LIFE! HE'S GOOD AND HE'S KIND -- AND HE BROUGHT US UP UNSELFISHLY, MY BROTHER AND MYSELF -- I SWEAR IT!



THIS PRELIMINARY HEARING IS DECIDED IN FAVOR OF THE PETITIONER, **MARTIN VERRAL!** ENTRANCE INTO THE BEYOND IS GRANTED! AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THIS COURT'S DECISION BE GIVEN HIS NIECE, HELENE VERRAL, FOR PURPOSES OF RECORD!

YES, YOUR HONOR!



"I SEEM TO RECALL SLIPPING THE TRANSCRIPT INTO THE POCKET OF MY RED DRESS AS UNCLE MARTIN TURNED TO ME TO TAKE HIS LEAVE--"

I'VE GOT TO MAKE MY JOURNEY NOW, HELENE! JUST REMEMBER THAT YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE MY LOVE, YOU AND HAL--

HAL? AFTER WHAT HE DID TO YOU?



"HE DIDN'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT! AND WHEN I TOLD HIM ABOUT HOW HAL WAS EVEN NOW ON TRIAL FOR HIS DEATH--"

BUT THAT'S JUST NOT **SO!** I REMEMBER JUST EXACTLY HOW IT ALL HAPPENED! I'D STAMPED OUT OF THE HOUSE IN ANGER, FOLLOWING OUR QUARREL, AND I MEANT TO WALK IT OFF! I'D JUST STEPPED OFF THE CURB WHEN--



ALL I CAN RECOLLECT IS STAGGERING BACK INTO THE GARDEN-- AND THEN EVERYTHING WENT BLACK!

IS THIS-- TRUE?

OH, MOST CERTAINLY--IT'S ALL HERE IN THE RECORDS! WE EVEN HAVE THE CAR'S LICENSE NUMBER! HERE IT IS-- **ZJ-5-RW!**



--AND THAT'S THE STORY! OH, I KNOW IT WAS A **DREAM**-- BUT IT WAS SO-SO **VIVID!** IT KEEPS DISTURBING ME AND I-- I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!

THERE, THERE! IF IT WILL EASE YOUR MIND, I HAVE INFLUENTIAL ACQUAINTANCES AMONG THE POLICE! I'LL HAVE THEM INVESTIGATE, AND WE'LL PROBABLY FIND OUT THAT THERE ISN'T EVEN ANY SUCH LICENSE!



HELENE QUIETED DOWN THEN, AND I FELT THAT SHE'D REGAINED CONTROL OVER HERSELF! BUT TWO DAYS LATER SHE BURST INTO THE OFFICE WILDLY, THRUSTING A NEWSPAPER EXTRA INTO MY HANDS! I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE WHAT I READ--





WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL-- YOUR BROTHER'S **CLEARED!** BUT YOU'D BETTER LIE DOWN-- YOU'RE ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE!

I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND--MY HEAD'S IN A WHIRL! IT WASN'T A DREAM, THEN-- IT ACTUALLY HAPPENED, DIDN'T IT? I SEE IT ALL AGAIN-- I'M EVEN WEARING THE SAME DRESS--



NOW, YOU'VE GOT TO RELAX--TAKE IT EASY! JUST REMEMBER THAT YOU CAME TO ME FOR **SLEEP-WALKING** IN THE FIRST PLACE, RIGHT? WELL, YOU WERE DISTURBED ON THE NIGHT THAT YOUR UNCLE AND BROTHER FOUGHT SO BITTERLY! AND SO YOU WALKED IN YOUR SLEEP! YOU WENT TO THE WINDOW--AND LOOKED OUT IN TIME TO SEE YOUR UNCLE HIT BY THAT CAR!



SINCE YOUR EYES ARE EXCELLENT, YOU SPOTTED THE CAR'S LICENSE NUMBER AND RETAINED IT IN YOUR MIND, WHERE IT BECAME MINGLED WITH THE STRANGE DREAM THAT YOU **ACTUALLY HAD!**

THAT'S ALL IT WAS-- SIMPLE, WASN'T IT?

YOU MAKE ME ASHAMED OF MYSELF FOR BEING SUCH AN EMOTIONAL IDIOT, DR. ORMSBY! YOU'RE RIGHT, OF COURSE -- I CAN SEE IT ALL NOW, THANK HEAVENS!



WHEN HELENE LEFT--

WELL! SHE'S WHAT I CALL A TOUCH-AND-GO CASE--BUT YOU HANDLED HER BEAUTIFULLY, DOCTOR!

YES, I THINK I **DID!** IF I HADN'T CONVINCED HER THAT IT HAD BEEN A **DREAM** SHE'D HAD, SHE MIGHT HAVE CRACKED UP COMPLETELY--THINKING THAT SHE'D **REALLY** HAD SOME CONTACT WITH THE **UNKNOWN!**



THE **UNKNOWN** ... SILLY, ISN'T IT?

I WONDER! SHE SAID THAT SHE'D BEEN WEARING THAT SAME RED DRESS DURING HER DREAM ADVENTURE-- AND THIS MUST HAVE SLIPPED OUT OF HER POCKET WHILE SHE WAS LYING ON THE COUCH! **LOOK!**



COURT OF THE UNKNOWN
PRELIMINARY HEARING
ON PETITION OF
MARTIN VERRAL
FOR
ENTRANCE INTO
THE BEYOND
PETITION GRANTED
OFFICIAL



BUT EVEN AS THEY GAZED AT THE STRANGE DOCUMENT IN STUPEFIED AMAZEMENT--

THE WORDS-- THEY'RE BLURRING!

THEY'RE **DISAPPEARING!**



BUT HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN IT, DR. ORMSBY?

I DON'T, NURSE -- I **CAN'T!** I CAN ONLY REPEAT WHAT A WISE MAN ONCE SAID -- "THERE ARE STRANGER THINGS IN THIS WORLD AND BEYOND IT THAN THE MIND OF MORTAL MAN CAN EVER CONCEIVE!"

The End!
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EDITOR



Here it is, readers. 100—the magic number! Yes, this is the gala hundredth issue of "Adventures Into The Unknown", the first all-fantasy comics magazine ever to be published. We've come a long way and many have striven to imitate us—but we like to feel that we've always kept our place in the hearts of the most wonderful people in the world—our readers. Always, we have tried to make this *your* magazine, with strange and exciting stories custom-tailored for our fans. And we've gone all out in this special anniversary edition. Please, tell us how you like it—or even if you don't like it. And let us know exactly what you'd like to see in our next hundred issues! Address your letters to The Editor, "Adventures Into The Unknown", 347 Fifth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. We'll try to print your letter, if we can—as we've printed those below.

"Dear Editor:—

I've never written to any magazine before, but felt that one as fine as 'Adventures Into The Unknown' deserves every bit of praise and congratulations that anyone can give. After just finishing issue No. 96, I would like to say that 'The Treasure of Santa Luisa' was one of the finest stories ever printed in a comics book. And now for a bit of criticism. Most of your science fiction stories are good, but how did you ever print a story like 'Space Adventurer'?

—Joe Adams, Big Spring, Texas."

Thanks for the nice things you've said, Joe. However, we're rather taken aback by your reaction to "Space Adventurer". We'd thought that it was a good, actionful science fiction yarn. Where did we fall down?

"Dear Editor:—

I just read issue No. 95, and thought it was great. However, I did not care for 'Through The Wall', although 'Journey To The Moon' and 'Up In Smoke' were simply fascinating. I wish you would print more of those 'What Do You Think?' stories, also those entitled 'What's Behind That Superstition?' This is the second letter I have written you, but I just can't help congratulating you on your wonderful work. Keep it up, and for Pete's sake—don't fire your present writers!

A. Colon, New York, N. Y."

We're not going to fire the writers who've been doing so well by us—after all, we know what side our bread's buttered on! The stories, or rather series, that you want more of will be back soon, never fear—as well as some new specialties guaranteed to thrill and amaze!

"Dear Editor:—

I've never written to 'Adventures Into The Unknown', and I'd like to say that as far as supernatural magazines go, yours is tops. My favorite stories have been 'I Keep Dreaming of Grandpa', 'Mr. McGillicuddy', 'Pipe Dream' and 'Pie In The Sky'. But the two I disliked most were 'The Many Lives of Mark Martin' and 'The Man Within'. Before I sign off, I'd like

to add that I'm glad you don't put up with zombies, werewolves and their likes.

—David Bruce, New York, N. Y."

We're very pleased that you like our magazine, David, but we're a bit baffled. We're in complete agreement as to your favorites, in that they're all top stories. But the ones you disliked were also fine in our estimation. As a matter of fact, we consider "The Many Lives of Mark Martin" to be perhaps the greatest story we've ever run in many particulars. It just goes to show how tastes differ!

"Dear Editor:—

I think 'Adventures Into The Unknown' and 'Forbidden Worlds' are the two best amazing story magazines going today—and that's been so for a long time. 'The Strangeness of Mr. McGillicuddy' was really something. 'The Disguise' was another of your great stories, and your illustrator should get a \$50.00 raise! In your March issue, 'The Repair Shop' was great, but the cover was misleading. 'The Endless Chain', 'Fog And Fantasy' and 'Mushroom Madness' made that one an academy award issue!

—Dean Silverstone, Seattle, Wash."

"Mr. McGillicuddy" is a longtime pet of ours, and we just love the fans who love him! "The Disguise" had an intriguing plot, we thought. The artist has the identical opinion you have—he thinks he should get a \$50.00 raise too! Let's see . . . that would bring him up to \$10,050.00 per week. If he sees this, we're only fooling!

"Dear Editor:—

With regard to your 'Let's Talk It Over' department, it seems to me that you have a childish mind, being insulting to readers who have ideas different than yours. Not only that, but I believe you to be dishonest by misleading readers, as mentioned in Jerry Cram's letter. I think the reason is so you can increase your income. You also seem to resent any reader who doesn't believe your stories by saying that the people who like them are smarter. Why don't you grow up and face the world as it is? You've undoubtedly been living in a make believe world too long . . . I dare you to print this letter if you have the guts.

—PFC John Lang, San Francisco APO, Calif."

We're not going to make any wisecracks, John—just try to answer you honestly. We find that there are two types of critics—those who truly don't like something we've done, who have a legitimate beef—and others, who adopt a needlessly insulting attitude to get their letters published. We can take the insults, personally speaking—but when they hit unfairly at the magazine which is close to our hearts, we sometimes flare back and lose our tempers. We know we're not perfect and we know that we make mistakes. When we do, we want our readers to point it out—and we'll admit it. But why not be decent about it? Jerry Cram's letter, which you mention, spoke of misleading covers. It's a tough choice for us, because when we use a scene exactly like the story inside the magazine, we get even more complaints from readers for bringing them the same pic-

ture twice. The only alternative is to use our imagination, and this we do. Dishonest? Grow up, please. If these "different" covers were such moneymakers, we'd have them on the inside of the magazine too, and make twice as much!

"Dear Editor:—

I've been reading 'Adventures Into The Unknown' for a year now, and have never read a magazine so good. I also think that just because your covers depart a bit from your stories that it's nothing to complain about. If they don't like them, why do they buy them?

—Capt. Chas. G. Davis, Jr., Frankfurt, Germany"
Here's another branch of the armed services heard from—in complete disagreement with the above letter! Fan or critic . . . we do our best!

"Dear Editor:—

I've just finished reading 'Treasure Of The Santa Luisa' in issue No. 96, and I would like to know if it's true. I like 'Adventures Into The Unknown' very much and read it every month. Usually I can tell whether a story is fact or fiction, but this one has me stumped!

—Bonne Curtis, San Francisco, Calif."
It's completely fictional. But it had a nice, challenging twist to it, didn't it?

"Dear Editor:—

I've never written before, but I felt I owed you this letter. I've just finished reading the No. 95 issue of 'Adventures Into The Unknown' and I think 'Journey To The Moon' is a swell story. That is, except for a few minor details, such as the fact there's definitely no atmosphere on the moon. Men would need pressure suits, or their blood vessels would burst. Also, the moon has no gravity, so the men would need weighted shoes. 'Up In Smoke' and 'The 13th Juror' were good, and 'Through The Wall' was excellent.

—Bill Heinrichs, Galesburg, Ill."
We'll let you in on a little secret, Bill. Sometimes we make a mistake purposely. If we have action taking place on the surface of the moon or some distant planet, it might clutter things up if our characters had to wear ponderous equipment in every panel, and such equipment might get in the way of the action. So, for the sake of story interest, we dispense with such items of equipment. Of course, there are occasions when we make errors without being conscious of them, and we're sorry for this.

"Dear Editor:—

I've just finished your May issue—boy, was it great! 'Space Adventurer' was fair, but 'Treasure of The Santa Luisa' was great. I don't think you tried too hard on 'Mr. Manning's Mirrors', but your short stories and 'Annals of The Occult' made up for it.

—Edward Madson, Rosedale, N. Y."
Wrong, Edward—we tried plenty hard on "Mr. Manning's Mirrors". The only trouble was that we struck out. That one wasn't as good by far as we had hoped. Glad you liked the rest of the issue, though—and take our word, there are some fine items on the way!

"Dear Editor:—

I think your stories are simply marvelous. But just one thing . . . I know your writers handle 'Forbidden Worlds' as well as 'Adventures Into The Unknown'. So how about some stories pertaining to the titles?

—Artie Adler, New York, N. Y."
Well, now, Artie . . . we're not quite sure exactly what you mean. Each of the stories that we run in this magazine is, in its way, an

individual adventure into the great Unknown. And in our companion magazine, the plots frequently take readers into the exciting realms of forbidden worlds. Or did you mean something different from this?

"Dear Editor:—

Just finished going through a few past issues and analyzing them. In general, I think you have a lot of courage. In keeping up with your policy, you have printed some crank letters which could drastically hurt your magazine. Frankly, I think you're more honest than some of your readers. About your covers, it really doesn't matter much to me whether they portray an actual scene from the story or not. I liked the stories in your April issue, but why was 'Journey To The Moon' so long? I don't think it was so much better than the others that you had to make a big production of it. As for all your stories in general, I think they are surprisingly imaginative and original. But I think it would be a good idea to put real, legend or fiction after each title, as Peggy Richter suggested in your April issue.

—George Watson, Audubon Park, N. J."
We appreciate your letter, George, and feel that you've really helped us. In answer to your question, "Journey To The Moon" was a long story because its very length gave us the opportunity to bring readers a complete plot with atmosphere, suspense, characterization and human interest. Actually, judging from reader response, the extra length has paid off!

"Dear Editor:—

I think that 'Let's Talk It Over' is an excellent idea, since it gives readers a chance to express their opinions about 'Adventures Into The Unknown'. I've just read your February, 1958 issue. 'Pipe Dream' was an excellent story, one of the best I've ever read. 'The Long, Long Sleep' was also very good. In an earlier issue, I thought that 'The Strangeness of Mr. McGillicuddy' was a very cute story. 'The Booster Shots' was fine, too. I'm a great fan of mystery and amazing comics, and find that yours is tops.

—Diana Childs, Camp Borden, Canada."
A lot of people are expressing their approval of this department, and we're glad that we have increased its size. And now if you readers will do your part by sending in your opinions, we'll be able to make this magazine of yours better and better!

"Dear Editor:—

Boy, when an issue of 'Adventures Into The Unknown' comes into our house, it's worn out by the end of the day. First, of course, it goes to me. After reading it ten times, I pass it on to my mother, who then passes it to my sister. At night, my dad takes it over—and then, finally, I get it back! We really enjoy reading your magazine, and we all agree on the following: first, you should have an annual of your best stories. Second, we like your one and two-page stories, except for 'What's Behind That Superstition', which we don't feel has a place in your book. Lastly, we've been very pleased since 'Let's Talk It Over' started using two whole pages. We like to read it and see how we agree or disagree with other readers.

—Marshall Silverman, Brooklyn, N. Y."
Others have told us how our magazine circulates from one to another. It's nice to think that a lot of folks are seeing our efforts. It brings home to us our responsibility to keep bringing our readers the very best in both stories and art.

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YOU DOUBT THE WORTH OF MY CRAFT? WELL, I SAY THAT THE **MERMAID** CAN GO DOWN A HUNDRED FEET...AND REMAIN THERE FOR TWO HOURS! AND I'LL BACK IT UP WITH MY MONEY, EVERSON!

I'LL BET AGAINST YOU, DAVIS...SHALL WE MAKE IT A THOUSAND? WE'LL LET THE INNKEEPER HOLD THE STAKES!



HOSMER EVERSON HAD THE REPUTATION OF ONLY BETTING ON SURE THINGS...AND THAT NIGHT...HE MADE SURE!

I'LL JUST LOOSEN THESE NUTS A LITTLE...AND THE PRESSURE OF THE WATER SHOULD DO THE REST! SHE'LL SINK AT THE PIER BEFORE HE EVEN HAS A CHANCE TO TAKE HER DOWN!



BUT THERE WASN'T ENOUGH PRESSURE AT THE SURFACE, SO THE SUB STILL FLOATED! AS THE TIME DREW NEAR FOR THE TRYOUT, CROWDS GATHERED...

I BUILT THE **MERMAID** WITH THE WELFARE OF MY COUNTRY IN MIND! IT WILL HELP TO GUARD AMERICA, MAKE HER GREAT! AS SOON AS THIS DEMONSTRATION IS CONCLUDED, MY SUBMARINE SHALL BECOME NAVY PROPERTY!



THERE WERE CHEERS AND EXCITEMENT AS THE **MERMAID** SANK BENEATH THE SURFACE! DOWN IT WENT...DOWN, DOWN...AND DAVIS CONGRATULATED HIMSELF, BECAUSE EVERYTHING SEEMED TO BE WORKING PERFECTLY! BUT AT 150 FEET CAME...**TRAGEDY!**

OH, N-NO!



MAYBE YOU MIGHT SAY THAT ICHABOD DAVIS HAD WON HIS BET, FOR HE WENT DOWN BEYOND A HUNDRED FEET AND DEFINITELY REMAINED THERE FOR FAR MORE THAN TWO HOURS! BUT HE NEVER CAME UP TO COLLECT! HOSMER EVERSON HAD SEEN TO THAT...



TOO BAD ABOUT POOR MR. DAVIS! HE WAS A GREAT INVENTOR AND PATRIOT!

AS YOU SAY...**TOO BAD!**

TIME PASSED! WEEKS BECAME MONTHS...MONTHS TURNED INTO YEARS...WHILE FAR BENEATH THE SURFACE, THE SAND DRIFTED HIGHER AND HIGHER ABOUT A STILL OBJECT LYING MUTELY ON THE FLOOR OF THE SEA...



AND NOW THE YEAR IS 1958! MEET **ROBERT DAVIS**...A MODERN DAY DESCENDANT OF ICHABOD! HE'S BEING COMMISSIONED CAPTAIN OF THE **MORAY**, AMERICA'S NEWEST AND GREATEST ATOMIC SUBMARINE...ON THE WAYS AND READY FOR LAUNCHING...



THE **MORAY** IS THE MOST POWERFUL SUBMARINE EVER BUILT, INCORPORATING SECRETS WHICH WILL MAKE HER INVINCIBLE! AND IT IS FITTING THAT SHE BE COMMANDED BY A MAN WITH A FINE RECORD SUCH AS YOURS, CAPTAIN DAVIS!

THANK YOU, SIR!

WATCHING FROM THE CROWD WAS A MAN NAMED **KARL EVERSON**...AND HE HAD AN ANCESTOR NAMED HOSMER...REMEMBER? HE WAS MUCH LIKE HIM, TOO...

WE'LL LET 'EM LAUNCH HER... BUT THAT'S AS FAR AS SHE'LL GET!

YOU'RE SMART, EVERSON... WE'LL CLEAN UP! THAT WAS A GOOD DEAL YOU ARRANGED WITH THE SLOVENIAN ESPIONAGE!



THE LAUNCHING OF THE **MORAY** WAS SCHEDULED FOR NOON NEXT DAY! BUT THAT NIGHT CAME STRANGE HAPPENINGS...

WE GOT RID OF THOSE GUARDS ON SCHEDULE AND GRABBED THEIR UNIFORMS...AT LEAST, WE'LL LOOK LEGITIMATE IF ANYBODY QUESTIONS US!

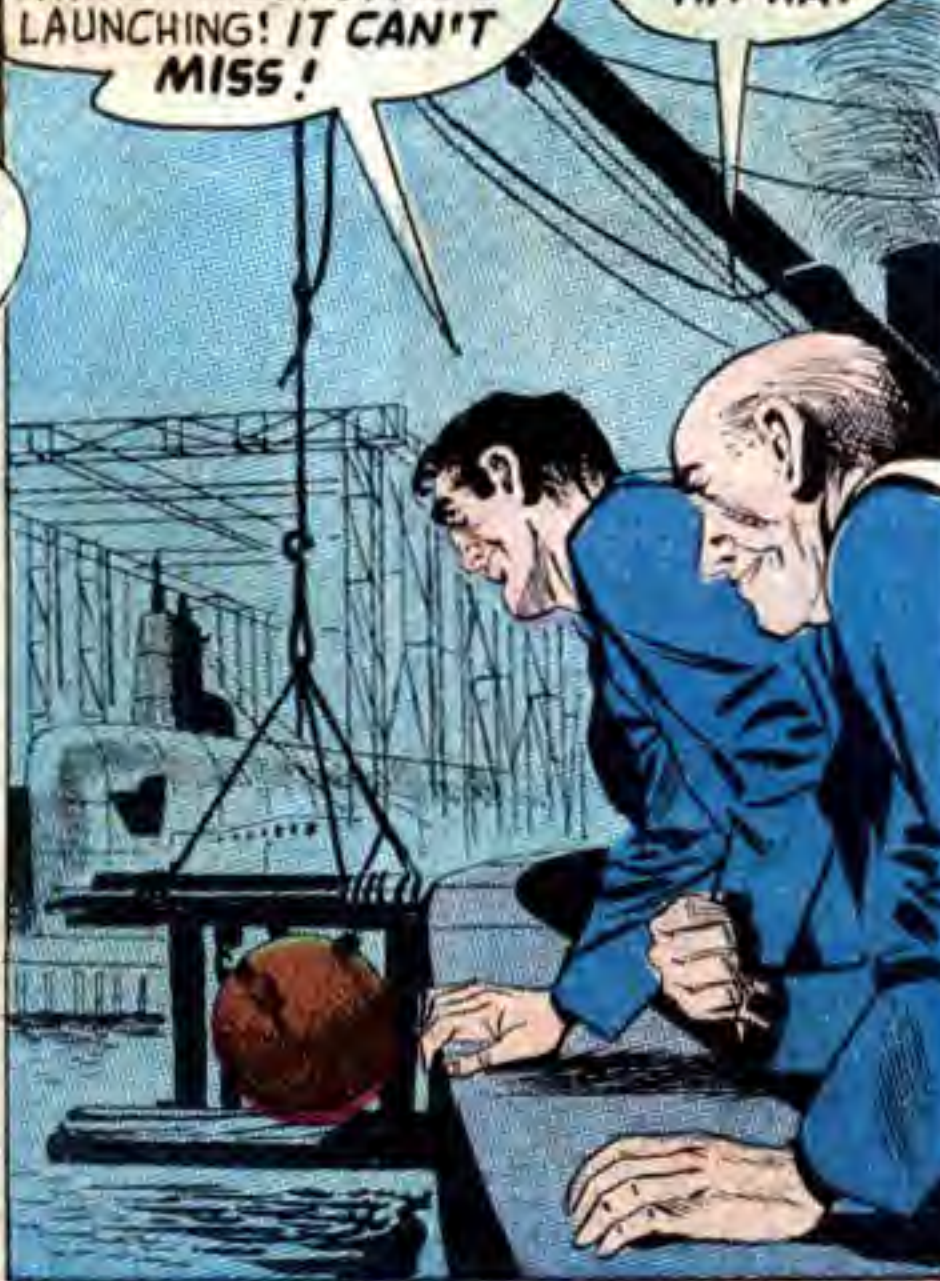
EVERYTHING'S MOVING LIKE CLOCKWORK! THE TUG'S DUE WITH THE MINE WITHIN FIVE MINUTES... HOPE THEY'RE ON SCHEDULE, EVERSON!



YES, EVERYTHING WAS ON SCHEDULE! THIS WAS TO BE A MINE-PLANTING OF A VERY SPECIAL SORT...

THIS SUPERSTRUCTURE WILL HOLD THE MINE IN A RIGID POSITION DIRECTLY IN THE PATH OF THE **MORAY'S** LAUNCHING! IT CAN'T MISS!

STRAIGHT DOWN THE WAYS AND...**WHAM! HA-HA!**



IT WAS A MOMENT OF TERRIBLE DANGER FOR AMERICA! BUT A FEW MILES AWAY, FAR BELOW THE ROLLING WAVES, SOMETHING VERY, VERY ODD WAS HAPPENING! FROM THE FLOOR OF THE OCEAN...



WHAT WAS **THIS**? WHAT EERIE POWER HAD BROUGHT THE OLD CRAFT FROM ITS 135-YEAR-OLD RESTING-PLACE? WHAT HAND WAS AT THE CONTROLS?



AND JUST AS THE DEADLY MINE HAD BEEN FIXED IN PLACE...

HOLY SMOKE...
LOOK!



WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S HEADED **STRAIGHT FOR THE MINE!** AND WE...WE'RE **RIGHT IN RANGE!**

THERE WAS NO TIME FOR ESCAPE! AND IN THE TERRIFIC EXPLOSION WHICH FOLLOWED, EVERSON AND HIS FELLOW-PLOTTERS MET THEIR END...



THERE WAS NO NEED TO HOLD UP THE CEREMONIES NEXT DAY...



LET HER GO!

AND GOOD LUCK TO YOU AND HER BOTH!



AND WITH THE **MORAY** AT SEA ON MANEUVERS UNDER CAPTAIN DAVIS, AN INVESTIGATION PROCEEDED INTO THE STRANGE EXPLOSION THAT HAD OCCURRED THE NIGHT BEFORE THE LAUNCHING! IT REMAINED A MYSTERY...BECAUSE THE ONLY THING THEY COULD FIND INTACT WAS...



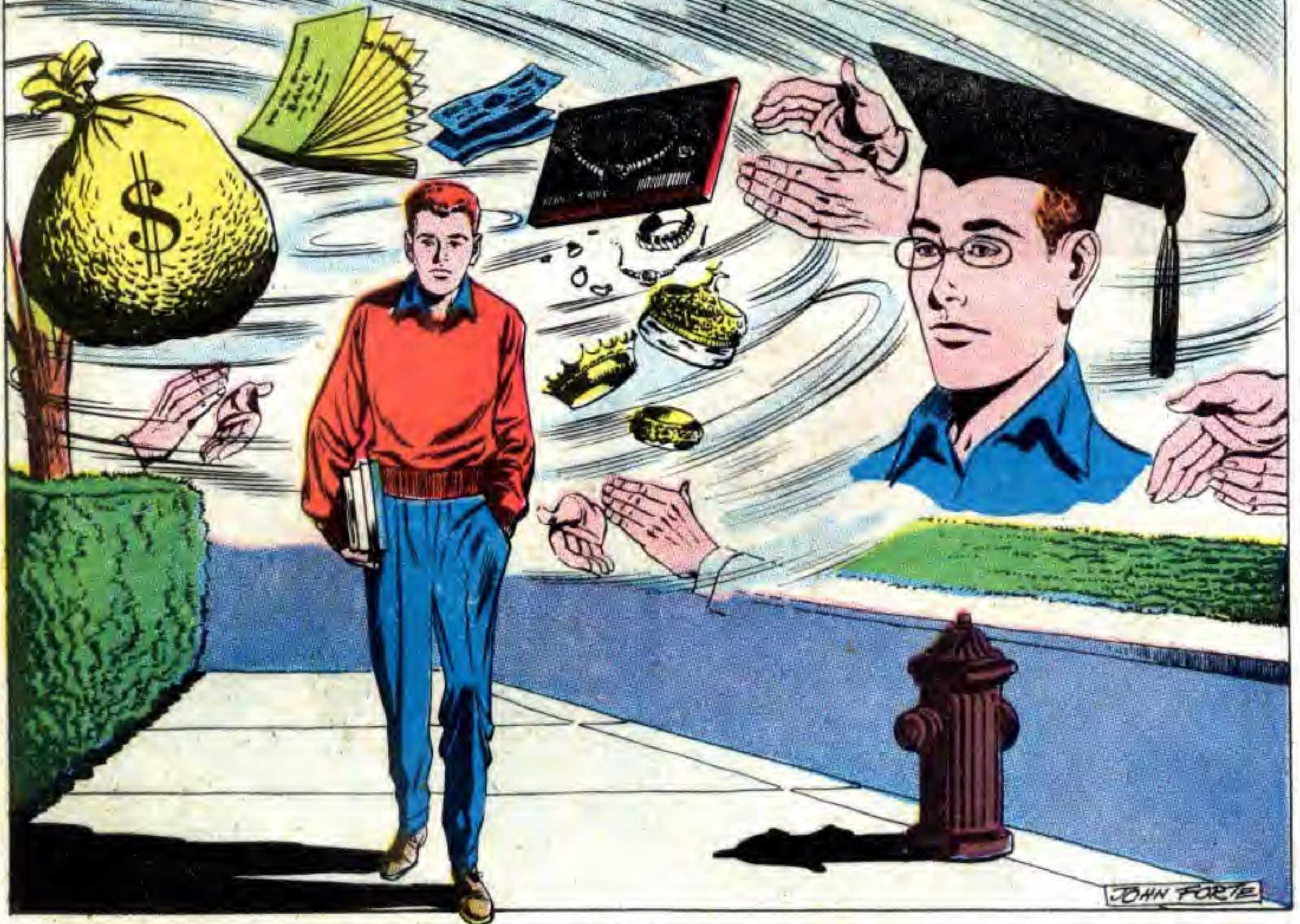
WE SCRAPED OFF THE BARNACLES, SIR...AND THAT'S WHAT WAS UNDERNEATH!

HMMM...**MERMAID**...I NEVER EVEN HEARD OF IT!

The END!

STRANGE THINGS GO ON IN THIS WORLD OF OURS...MYSTERIES AND WONDERS MAY BE FOUND ON EVERY HAND...BUT THERE'S ONE THING YOU CAN BE SURE OF! IT'S THAT...

NOTHING *Ever* HAPPENS to HALLORAN!



JOEY HALLORAN **MEANT** WELL...BUT HE WASN'T EXACTLY WHAT YOU'D CALL A BALL OF FIRE...

WELL, JOEY, WHAT'S NEW? WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

WHAT **SHOULD** HAPPEN? IT WAS JUST ANOTHER DAY, THAT'S ALL...NOTHIN' EVER HAPPENS TO **ME!**



YES, THINGS ALWAYS HAPPENED TO **OTHER** PEOPLE...



--- BUT NOT TO HALLORAN --- NO SIR! **NOTHING** EVER HAPPENED TO **HIM**!

YES, CLASS, LIFE IS AN EXCITING THING! EVEN IN THE LITTLE DETAILS THAT OVERTAKE US ALL IN THE COURSE OF DAILY EXISTENCE, THERE ARE THRILLS, JOYS... IF ONLY WE ALLOW OURSELVES TO BECOME AWARE OF THEM!

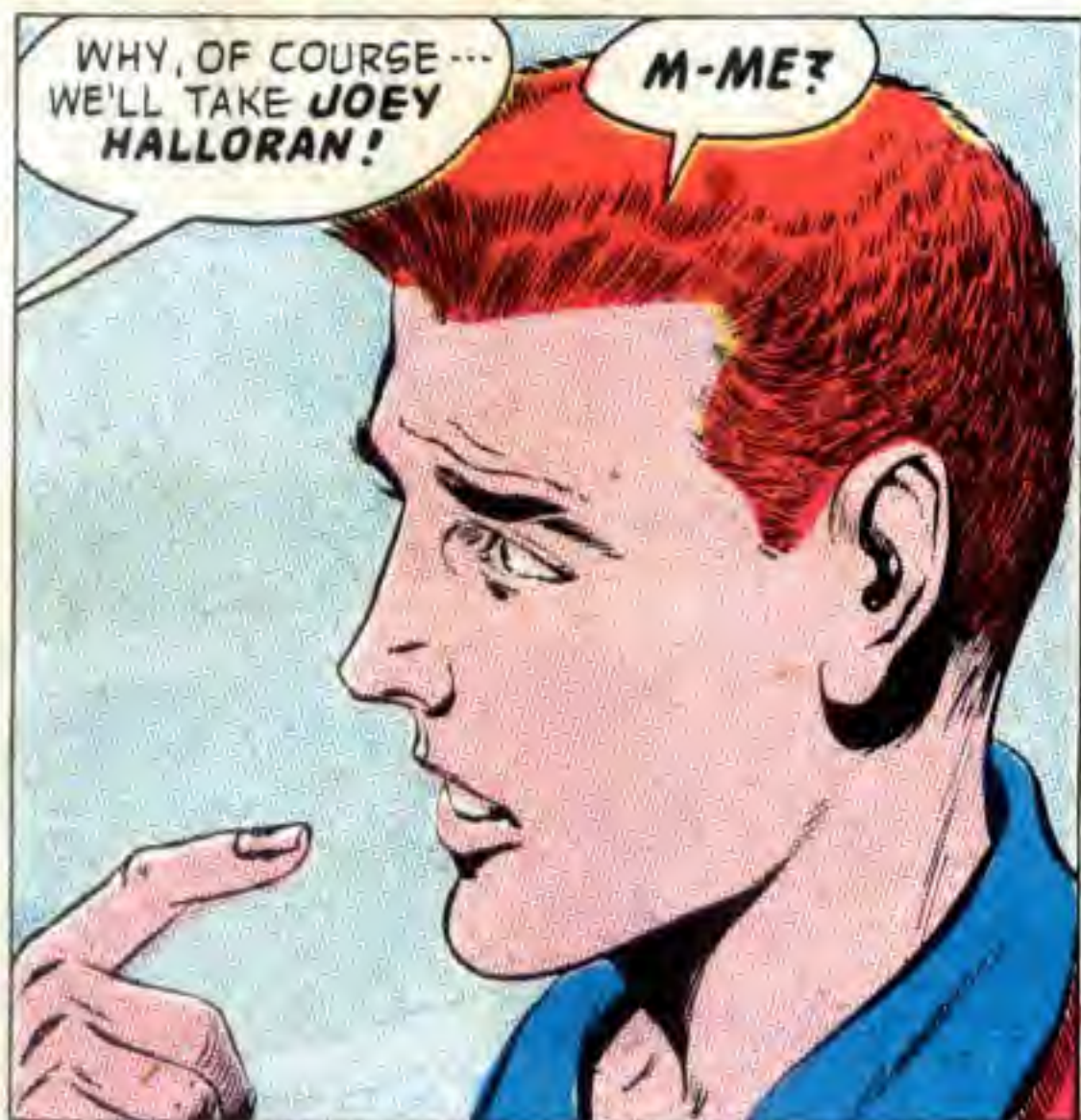


WE MUST WAKE UP TO WHAT SURROUNDS US ALL, DISCOVER IT FOR OURSELVES! NOW, FOR TOMORROW, I WANT AN ORAL REPORT ON THE TRUE EXCITEMENT OF WHAT HAPPENED TO ONE OF YOU PUPILS DURING YOUR MORNING WALK TO SCHOOL! LET'S SEE, NOW... **WHICH** PUPIL? HMMMM...



WHY, OF COURSE... WE'LL TAKE **JOEY HALLORAN**!

M-ME?



AND SO, NEXT MORNING...

SHE'S CRAZY, THAT MISS SHAPIRO... WHAT EVER'S GONNA HAPPEN ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL? WHAT EVER'S GONNA HAPPEN TO **ME**?



BUT IN THE WOODS OF A NEARBY PARK, SOMETHING **WAS** HAPPENING... SOMETHING VERY STRANGE, AND DESTINED TO INVOLVE **JOEY**...

WHERE ARE WE? WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

DON'T YOU **REALIZE**? I'VE FINALLY DONE IT... USED MY NEO-CORUNDIAN HYPOTHESIS TO ACTUATE OURSELVES INTO A **PRIMITIVE DIMENSION**! COME... WE MUST SEE WHAT MANNER OF LIFE EXISTS HERE!



LOOK! THERE... THAT BEING... HE'S PHYSICALLY LIKE **US**!

YES... **PHYSICALLY**... BUT WE MUST FIND OUT IF THE RESEMBLANCE GOES ANY FURTHER! WE'LL APPROACH HIM! DON'T WORRY, HE CAN'T SEE US... WE'RE **INVISIBLE** IN HIS DIMENSION!



SO I GOTTA MAKE A REPORT ON WHAT HAPPENS WHILE I'M WALKIN' TO SCHOOL! AWRIGHT, SO THERE'S A BIRD ON THE TELEPHONE WIRE--- CAN I TELL MISS SHAPIRO **THAT?**

ISN'T HE **FASCI-NATING?**

HOW CAN WE TELL WHEN WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT HIM? HANG IT, I'VE GOT TO TEST HIM--- I'VE **GOT TO!** BUT FOR THAT, WE'VE GOT TO BRING HIM INTO **OUR DIMENSION!**



THE CREATURE FROM THE 12TH DIMENSION STRETCHED FORTH HIS HAND---AND FROM HIS FINGERTIPS THERE FLOWED STRANGE LINES OF FORCE---ENVELOPING JOEY---

NO-HUM! GEE---I JUST GOT UP---I SHOULDN'T BE SO SLEEPY, UNLESS I'M GETTIN' **SPRING FEVER!**

PHYSICALLY, HIS BODY WILL REMAIN WHERE IT IS! IT'S JUST A MATTER OF **SUSPENDING TIME** WHILE I BRING OUR DIMENSIONS IN PROXIMITY TO EACH OTHER!



THE DIMENSIONS MOVED CLOSER---TOUCHED---AND NOW---

AH---WE'RE HOME AGAIN! NOW I CAN PROCEED WITH THE TESTS AND SEE EXACTLY WHAT MANNER OF CREATURE HE IS!

LOOK! THE GREAT SCIENTIST **LERONIDO** HAS RETURNED---AND **SEE WHAT HE'S BROUGHT!**



THAT'S RIGHT---WE BROUGHT HIM FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION! NO---WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HIS NAME IS---

WHY DOESN'T HE MOVE--- OR TALK? AND WHY'S HE SO HARD TO **SEE?**

YOU'RE LUCKY--- BACK WHERE **HE** COMES FROM, HE WOULDN'T SEE ANY OF **US** AT ALL! RIGHT NOW, HE CAN'T SEE OR HEAR **US**---HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WE'RE **HERE!**



WELL, I LIKE **THAT!** DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WE'RE LOOKING AT HIM!

LISTEN, I WAS VOTED **MISS TWELFTH DIMENSION**, AND WHEN I LOOK AT A MAN, I WANT HIM TO **LOOK BACK!** I'LL **MAKE** HIM KNOW I'M HERE! HE'S KIND OF **CUTE**, IN A REPULSIVE SORT OF FASHION!



OH, THEEDELHOFFA, YOU'RE JUST **AWFUL!**

YOU STOP THAT AND LEAVE HIM ALONE! WE'VE GOT TO **TEST HIM!**



AND SO THEY BROUGHT UP AN ARRAY OF AMAZING EQUIPMENT, AND TESTED JOEY HALLORAN CAREFULLY!



WELL?

TOO BAD... HE'S A **DOPE!** BACK WITH HIM!

ALL RIGHT... BUT IT'S KIND OF A **SHAME** TO SEND HIM BACK WITHOUT SOME SORT OF **REWARD!** I MEAN, AFTER ALL... HE **DID** SUPPLY US WITH INFORMATION ON THE MENTAL CAPACITY OF THE INHABITANTS OF HIS DIMENSION...

TRUE! BUT WHAT COULD WE **DO** TO REWARD HIM?



WELL... WE COULD MAKE HIM A **MENTAL GIANT!** IT WOULD BE SIMPLE FOR US... IN A FLASH, WE COULD TRANSFORM HIM INTO THE **GREATEST SCIENTIST** HIS DIMENSION HAS EVER SEEN!

I'LL DO IT! ORDER A **BRAIN WAVE TRANSMITTER** SENT UP!



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WAIT!

IT CAN'T BE... **WE CAN'T DO IT!** WHAT RIGHT HAVE WE TO MEDDLE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS? HIS POPULACE MIGHT BECOME MORE WARLIKE... WHO KNOWS WHERE IT MIGHT LEAD? ANYWAY, MAYBE HE'S **HAPPIER** THE WAY HE IS!

YOU MAY BE RIGHT! BUT I'D **STILL** LIKE TO DO SOMETHING FOR HIM... SAY! I'VE GOT IT!

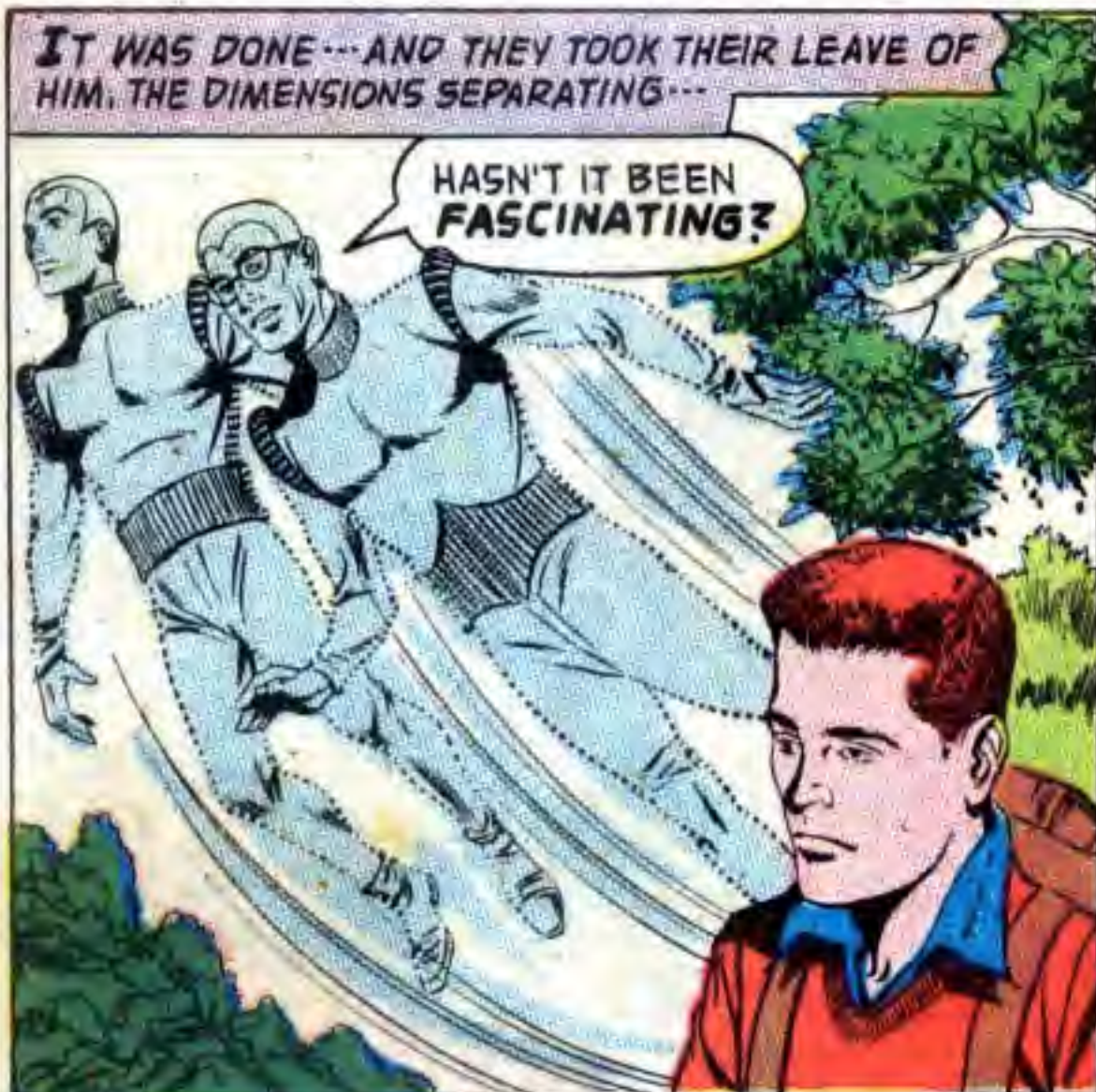


IN OUR STUDIES OF OTHER DIMENSIONS, WE'VE ALWAYS FOUND OUT THAT WHENEVER LIFE ON THIS SCALE EXISTS, THE INHABITANTS POSSESS GREAT **MATERIAL DESIRES!** WE'LL SEND HIM BACK LOADED WITH PRECIOUS METAL THAT WILL MAKE HIM **WEALTHY BEYOND HIS WILDEST DREAMS!**



IT WAS DONE... AND THEY TOOK THEIR LEAVE OF HIM. THE DIMENSIONS SEPARATING...

HASN'T IT BEEN
FASCINATING?



NOW AWARENESS RETURNED TO JOEY HALLORAN! HE KNEW NOTHING OF WHAT HAD HAPPENED AND COULDN'T HAVE... FOR TIME HAD BEEN SUSPENDED DURING THIS INTERIM...

HUH... A DOG KNOCKIN' OVER THE JONES' GARBAGE CAN... BUT WOULD MISS SHAPIRO CARE ABOUT **THAT?** ... SAY, WHAT'S THIS WEIGHT ON MY **BACK?**



IT WAS THE GIFT GIVEN HIM BY THE MEN OF THE 12TH DIMENSION... PRICELESS PLATINUM THAT COULD MAKE HIM RICH! BUT...

WELL, I'LL BE... **TIN BLOCKS!** HOW DO YOU LIKE **THAT?** WHILE I WAS THINKIN' SO HARD ABOUT MY SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT, SOME JOKER MUSTA FASTENED IT ON ME WITHOUT MY EVEN **KNOWIN' IT!**



WELL, I'LL GET RID OF THAT WORTHLESS TRASH RIGHT NOW! **HERE GOES!**



AND WHEN HE REACHED SCHOOL...

WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM **JOEY HALLORAN**, WHO WILL REPORT ON THE EXCITING THINGS WHICH HAPPENED DURING HIS MORNING WALK TO SCHOOL! YOU MAY PROCEED, JOEY!

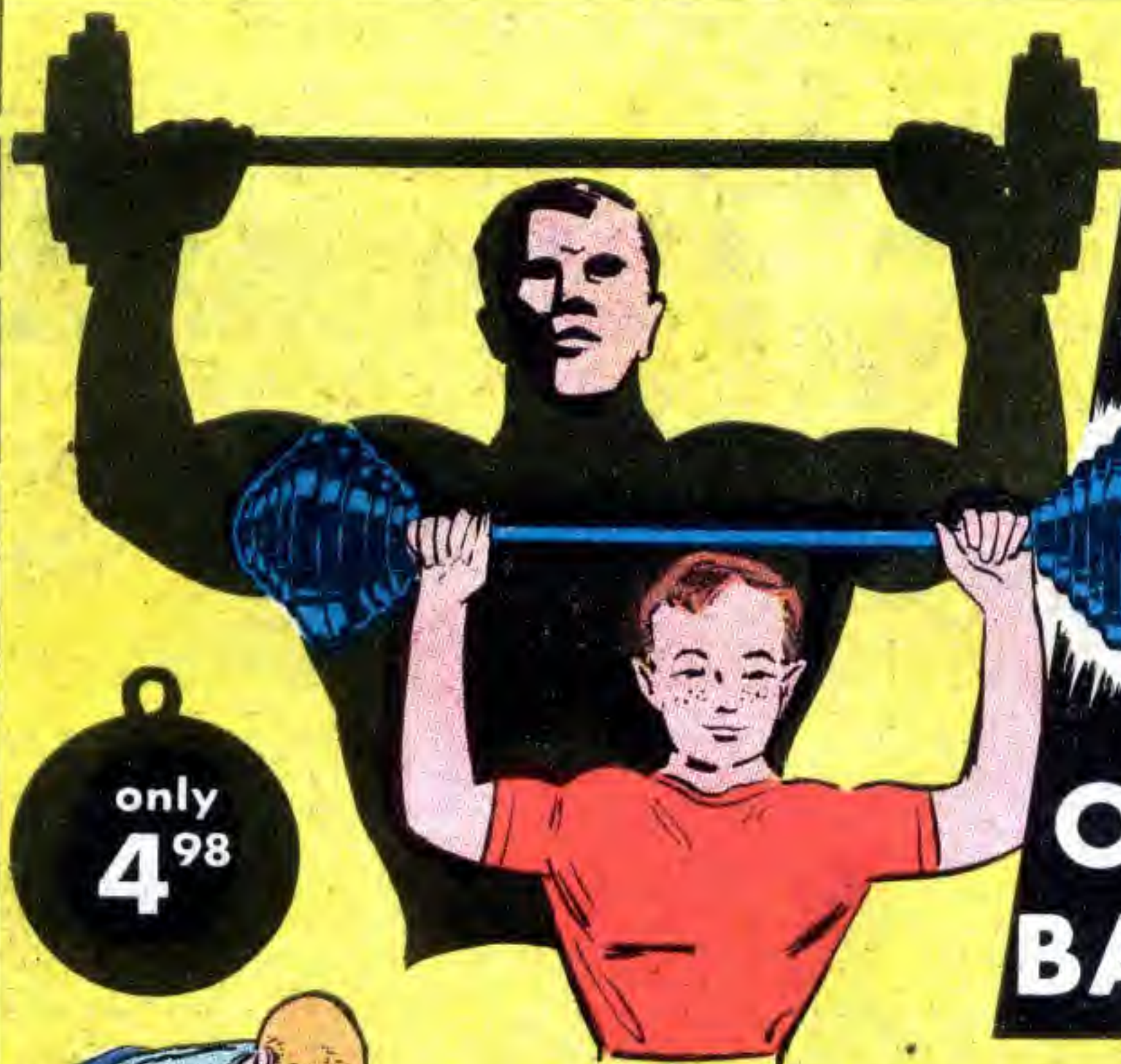
GULP!



WELL... UH... THERE WAS A BIRD ON A TELEPHONE WIRE... AND I GOT SLEEPY, LIKE I WAS GETTIN' SPRING FEVER... AND A DOG, HE KNOCKED OVER JONES' GARBAGE CAN... AND... UH... I THREW A BUNCH A TIN INTO THE WATER... AND... AND THAT'S ALL, I GUESS! LIKE I ALWAYS SAY... **NOTHIN' EVER HAPPENS TO ME!**



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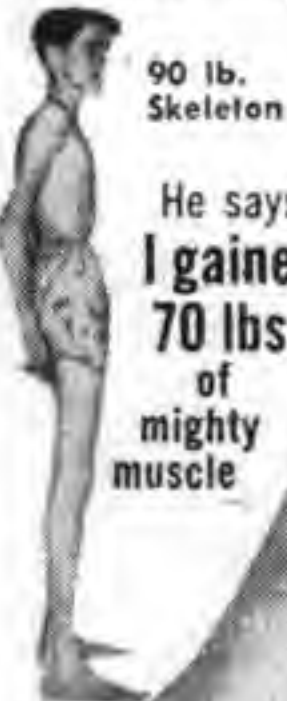
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